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Statuta bonū pu- blicum concernen-

tia, edita in plamento tento apud westm.
.xvi. die Januarii. Anno regni prepoten-
tissimi et metuendissimi Anglie et francie
regis, fidei defensoris, et domini Hiber-
nie, Henrici octavi. xxi. post diuersas pro-
rogationes eiusdem plamenti primo inchoati apud Londinū. iiii.
die Nouembris, Anno. xxi. eiusdem regis: et inde adiurnati et
prorogati usque ad Westmonasterium, et ibidem continuati
per. xliiii. dies, videlicet usque ad .xvii. diem Decem-
bris: et ab eodem die et loco usque .xxvi. diem Aprilis
proxi. sequentis: et ab eo die usque ad. xxi. diem Iunii,
et ab illo die ad primum diem Octobris, et a
primo die Octobris usque ad. xxi. diem eius-
dem mensis, et ab illo die usque. xvi. diem
Ianiuarii secundum leges terre rite
prorogati, et ibidem continuati
per. lxxv. dies, videlicet ad
ultimum diem Martii,
eodem Anno. xxi.
et inde ulterius
prorogati
usque ad. xiiii. diem Octobris
proxime sequentis.



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An acte concernynge mayntenance of drapery and
agaynste regratynge of wolles. i.



Where at a parlyament holden at Wemister in the. iiii.
yere of the reygne of the mooste victoruous pryncce of
famous memoire kynge Henry the. vii. mooste dere
father vnto the kynges hyghnes our souerayne lord,
for thencrese and mayntenance of drapery, and ma-
kyng of wollen clothes within this realme, it was es-
tablyshed and enacted / that no maner person by hym
selfe, or by any other shulde bye or bargayne from the fyrst day of Marche,
whiche was in the yere of our lord god. M. CCC. lxxxix. any wolles
than vnshorne of the growynge of Barkeshire, Dorsetshire, Glocestour-
shire, Herefordshire, Shropshire, Worcesterhire, Essex, Wylleshire, So-
mersette shire, Dorsette shire, Hampeshire, Hartfordshire, Cambrigeshire,
Norfolke, Suffolke, Kent, Surrey, or Sussex, or of any of them, befoze
the feaste of thassumpcion of our lady than nexte ensuinge, or bye or bar-
gayne any wolles, or take promyse of bargayne of any wolles, that shulde
growe in any of the sayde shires in any yere or yerres to come, after the sayd
feaste of Thassumpcion of our lady, any tyme befoze the same feaste of that
suption of our lady that shuld be next after the shering of the same wolle or
wolles, but onely suche persons as of the sayd wolles shuld make or do to
be made yerne or clothe within this realme, vpon peyne of forfayture of the
double value of all the sayde wolles bought or to be bargayned or taken
by promyse of bargaine contrary to the said ordinance. Nor that any mar-
chant stranger by hym selfe or by any other pson in any yere than to come,
shulde bye any wolles befoze the feaste of the Purification of our lady next
after the clippynge or sherynge of the same, vpon lyke peyne of forfayture:
The one halfe of suche forfayture to be to the kynges vse, & the other halfe
to hym that wolde sue the partie that shuld breke the said ordinance. And
that any person that wolde sue in that parte, shuld haue an action of Dette
of the sayd forfayture, and suche proces in the same action shuld be had as
is in an action of Dette at the comen lawe, or after the custome of the cite
borough or towne, where it shuld happen to be sued, and that no essoin ne
protection shuld be allowed for the defendaunte in that action, nor that the
defendant therein shuld be admptted to wage his lawe. And furthermoze it
was ordeyned by the same acte, that no maner person beyng sworn to be
a wolle packer in any wyse after the sayde fyrst day of Marche shulde bye
or bargayne any maner of wolle for any such marchaunt straunger within
this realme, vpon peyne of forfayture of the same wolle so bought bargai-
ned or gathered to y^e vse of any suche marchaunt straunger, as by y^e same act
is playnely declared. The which good statute and acte was made onely to
indure for the terme of. x. yerres than nexte ensuinge, which terme is now

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longe tyme past and expired. Sythen the expiration wherof ther haue ben and daylye be many broggers regratours & gatherours of wolles within the sayde shires, as well to the vse of straungers as the kynges englyshe subiectes, whiche drape nat the same wolles within this realme, whiche broggers and gatherours pzeuent so the clothemakers in the pzouision of the said wolles, & put yerely such pzyces to the same, that the cloth makers by whom many of the kynges subiectes of this realme haue be commonly set a worke, can nat drape ne be able for lacke of wolles at resonable pzyces to drape suche multitude of wollen clothes, as they haue be accustomed in tymes past, by reason wherof many of the kynges subiectes, whiche lyued by drapery, for lacke of worke be brought to idelnes, and daily incurre and fall to robbozies and other incōueniences. For reformation wherof it may please the kinges highnes, by thassent of the lordes spirituall & tempozal, and the cōmons in this pzesent parlyament assembled, and by auctozite of the same to establyshe and enacte, that the sayd estatute made in the sayde iiii. yere of the reigne of the sayde late kyng be reuiued in euery article therof, and from the fyrst day of Marche nexte comynge to stande in as good strength qualyte and effecte in euery article therein conteyned / as it was in any tyme within the sayde . x. yeres expzessed in the same estatute, and so to endure for the terme of . x. yeres from nowe nexte ensuiing, & from thende of those . x. yeres vnto thende of the next parlyamente to be holden after the same yeres. And furthermoze it is ordeined and enacted by auctozitie of this pzesent parlyment, that no maner person in any wise after the fyrste daye of Marche nexte comynge shal bye or bargayne any maner of wolle within this realme for any marchaunt straunger, nor take any promyse of bargayne or sale of any wolle for any marchant straunger within this realme, vpon payne of forfayture of the same woll so bought, or wherof promise or bargaine or sale shalbe take, or the value of the same wolles. This acte to endure from the sayd fyrst day of Marche next comynge vnto thende of . x. yeres nexte ensuyng, and further as is aboue wrytten. Also it is ordeyned and enacted by auctozitie of this parlyament, that al worsted-makers, makers of sayes stampys hatters and cappers of this realme shal haue from hensforthe lyke lybertie and tyme of byenge and pzouision of wolles for the onely vse and employementes of makynge of worstedes sayes stampys hattes and cappes within this realme, as is ordeyned by the sayd acte made in this pzesent parlyament, and by the sayd act made in the sayde fourth yere of the reygne of kyng Henry the. vii. for clothyers and makers of yarne. And further be hit enacted by the auctozitie aforesayde, that this acte and euery article and thyng therein conteyned shal take effecte and be put in execution, as well within the shires of Buk. Northampton, Leycester, Hentyngdon, warwycke, Lyncolne, Darbye, Rutlande, Notynggham, & yorke, as in any of the shires aboue reherled for pzouision or byenge of any wolles of the growe of any of the same shires of Buk.

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Northampton, Leicester, Huntingdon, Warwyke, Lincolne, Darby, Rutland, Nottingham, & York, contrary to any article conteyned in this present acte, and that all bargaynes couenauntes promyses contractes and pꝛouisions for wolles heretofore made, or at any tyme hereafter before the fyrste daye of Marche nexte commynge to be made by any persone or persons in any of the shires aboue rehersted for any yere or yeres to come, shall be voyde and of none effecte, excepte the byer pꝛouyder or suche persons, to whom any suche former contracte or pꝛomise is made, do putte the same wolles by hym receyued by reason of any suche former contracte couenante or pꝛomise in to yarne or clothe within this realme.

**An acte concernynge the triall of fozen plees
pledged by felons. ii.**

Here amonge other thynges it was cōsidered by the hole court of parlyament of our most excellent souerayne lord the king, holden in the .iiii. yere of his noble reigne, that murderers and felons laufully arreyned of their detestable offences, bare them bolde vpon imaginynge and pledynge of feined and vntrewe fozen plees triable in fozen counties, to thentent to be remoued from place to place by colozable and vntrewe suggestiōs, and for to be vntreuly acquite by fauour myghte or corruption, so that they lyued in maner without feare or drede: for refozation wherof, and for the cōmen welth of this realme, it was enacted by auctoritie of the sayde parlyment, that if any murderer or felon vpon his arreynment from then dyd allege, that he had taken any church or churchparde for murder or felony, or other place pꝛiuiledged for the same in a fozen countie, and ageynst his wylle was taken oute therof: That than the kynges attourneye, or any other persone that wolde sue or allege for the kyng, that the sayd murderer or felon so arreyned, was taken at large in the same shire where he is so arreyned, That than the same allegiance and issue shulde be tried by the inquest that shulde trye the sayde murder or felony within the same shire, and before the same iudices where the sayde murderer or felon is arreined, as though the said fozeine ple had nat ben pledged by the said felon. And that if it were founde by the same inquest, that the sayd murderer or felon was taken within the same shire (as is aforesayd) that than he to haue none aduantage or benefit of the matter alleged by hym for takynge oute of the church or churchparde, or other place pꝛiuiledged in any suche fozein shire, and that the sayd acte shulde endure to the next parlyament from than ensuing, As by the same act made in the saide. .iiii. yere manifestlye appereth. And for as moche as lythe the tyme of expiration of the sayde acte made in the sayde. .iiii. yere many abominable murders, as well of pꝛiestes as of other persones, robbozpes of churches, and robbozpes of persons in theyꝝ houses, as well by daye as

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by nyght, And other most detestable murders and felonies haue ben committed & done within this realme. And the mo & moze often bycause y^e the said statute hath ben expired & ended from & sins the beginning of the parliament of our sayde souerayne lord holden in the. vi. yere of his moste noble reyne: It is ordeyned and enacted by auctorite of this present parliament, that the sayd acte made in the sayde. iiii. yere, and euery thyng therein conteyned concerninge the sayde forein ples and replications therunto to be made and trials therof, shall nowe be reuyued, and shall stande in full force and effect, and shall continue and endure from hensforth for euer, as if the same acte had ben originally made perpetuall and not determynable.

An acte concerninge Blumstede marshes. iii.



Where as the Marshes of Blumstede and leseues, with the outeragiousnesse of the ryuer of Chamys, hath ben & yet be drowned by occasion of the breches in the marsh walles of Blumstede leseues & Erith: And where the breche in Blumstede marsh aforesayde hath ben & is made, for innynge of whiche breche of Blumstede & maintenace & defence of the marsh walles about the same breche, as wel for makynge of a newe crosse wall to be made from the Chamys vnto the vplande for innynge of the sayde marsh of Blumstede, as also for the innynge of certayne nombre of acres in the leuell and marshes of leseues to be inclosed inned and defended by the sayde crosse walle frome the water of Chamys, commynge in at Erith breche, and drownynge and ouerflowynge the sayd marsh and leuell, and for draning of the same, and for the meynテナunce of the olde marsh walles by the Chamys syde from the sayde newe crosse walle nygh vnto wolwyche, dyuers and sondre Cessis scottes and Taxis haue bene made cessed scotted sette and taxed by vertue of comission, and the day of paymentes therof in the parische church of Blumstede, accorдынge as heretofore for cesses of Blumstede marsh hath ben accustomed, hath ben declared and proclaymed: whiche cessis scottes and taxes dyuers possessioners owners landes lordes tenants and profyte takers of the sayde landes within the sayde marshes and leuell at the day mencioned and appoynted by proclamation, haue nat payde, nor yet do pay, contrary to the lawes of Blumstede marsh heretofore made, by whiche lawes for none payment of such cessis scottes and taxes, they ought to pay them and their doubles. In default of which payment the sayde bayly of the sayde marsh and leuell nowe beinge, and other by his assignement to their great hynderance haue ben constrayned to pay dyuers of the sayde scottes cesses and taxes for the innynge of the sayd marsh mayntenaunce and defence of the same, Or els the same marshes and leuell had ben vtterly losse without remedy. For the recouery of which

whiche cesses scottes and taxes so by the bailly and his assignes payde/and
 of other scottes and cesses now due by the occasion of the said outrageous
 downynge of the sayde marshes the sayd bailly and his assignes haue no
 remedy or meane to leuie the same: So that for none payment of the said
 cesses scottes and taxes nat onely the said warke is lyke to peryshe, & nat
 lyke to be finisshed, onles spedy remedy may be had for the leuyng therof:
 but also all suche somes of money as befoze this tyme haue ben imployed
 for the innynge defence and mayntenance of the same are lyke to be losse,
 to the vtter distruction of the sayde marshes and leuell, and to the extreme
 ruyn and decay of the countrey therunto adioynynge, and to the greate
 decay of the riuer of Chamys aforesaid, & to the disherison, as wel of our
 souerayne lord the kynge as of other owners possessioners and tenants
 that haue doo and wyl paye suche cesses scottes and taxes, as befoze this
 tyme or in tyme to come hath or shall be cessed sette and taxed for the same.
 In consideration wherof be it enacted by our souerayne lord the kynge,
 the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parlia-
 ment assembled, and by thauctozitie of the same, that the bayly of the said
 marshes and leuell nowe beyng or his assignes shall and may by force of
 this acte make proclamation on any sonday hereafter ensuinge in y parische
 churche of Plumstede aforesaid, as well of this acte as also that all suche
 cesses scottes and taxes at the tyme of the sayd proclamation made beyng
 behynde and vnpayed, shalbe payed at a certayne place in the sayd procla-
 mation to be limitted within .xx. dayes nexte ensuinge after the daye of the
 same pclamation. And he that so payeth, shalbe discharged of any doubles
 due heretofore for none payment of the same. And if the sayd cesses scottes
 and taxes be nat payed by the ende of the sayde .xx. dayes after suche pro-
 clamacion to the sayde bayly his executours or assignes, that than euerye
 person or persons, whiche ought to paye the same cesses scottes and taxes,
 shall forsayte the doubles of the same cesses scottes & taxes: And that than
 if the sayde cesses scottes and taxes and theyr doubles be nat payde by the
 feast of saynt Michaell Tharcaungell nowe next comynge vnto the said
 baylyffe his executours or assignes: than it shall be lefull to euery owner
 possessioner landlord ternaunt and profet taker of landes and tenementes
 and other profytes within the sayde marshes and leuell, or any other per-
 sone or persones, whiche hath dothe and wyl pay to the sayde baylyffe his
 executours or assignes suche cesses scottis and taxes or any of them so due
 and vnpayde by any other owner possessioner landlord ternaunt profyte
 taker of landes and tenementes within the same leuell, to entre into all
 the sayde landes and tenementes and other profytes within the sayde
 marshes and leuel so cessed scotted and taxed and the same from thensforth
 to haue holde perceyue and occupie to hym or them his or theyr heires,
 successours or assynges for euer by vertue of this presente acte, withoute
 lette or interruption of any of the same owners possessioners landlordes
 tenants

tenauntes takers of profytes termers oꝛ any other persone oꝛ persones, whiche haue oꝛ shall haue any estate title intereste vse oꝛ terme in any of those landes and tenementes and other profytes so celled scotted and taxed, by reason of any intayle gyfte graunt oꝛ other title what so euer it be.

¶ Be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that the same law shal be had and executed foꝛ any scotte tax oꝛ celse hereafter to be had and made, befoze the feast of the Natiuitie of saynt Iohn Baptist now next comming by vertue of any comission within any of the sayde merchises and leuell, any acte oꝛ vse to the contrary nat withstandinge.

¶ Prouyded alway this acte nat withstandinge, that suche person oꝛ persons theyꝛ heires and assignes, who so euer shall so ryne in the doubles and losse of his oꝛ their landes, may at any tyme within .iii. yeres next folowynge the tyme limitted foꝛ the losse of the sayde lande bringe in and paye the sayde celses taxes and his oꝛ theyꝛ doubles to hym oꝛ them that shall haue y^e said lande by the auctorite of this acte, oꝛ to his heires oꝛ assignes, and so to enioye his oꝛ theyꝛ landes agayne from the daye of the payment of his oꝛ their said money foꝛ the said celses taxes and doubles, oꝛ els they and euerye of them theyꝛ heires and assignes to be from thensfoꝛthe excluded and barred from al title ryght vse possession action and entre to be had of oꝛ to the sayd landes oꝛ any parcell therof foꝛ euer.

¶ Prouyded alway and be it farther enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that if any man haupnge any landes in possession oꝛ in vse in the ryght of his wyfe, tenaunt by the curtesy, tenaunt in dower, tenaunt foꝛ terme of lyfe, terme of yeres, tenaunt by Elegit, tenaunt by statute marchaunte, gardeyne in socage, gardeyne in chivalrie, oꝛ any other hauing any particular interest vnder estate of inheritaunce in anye landes tenementes oꝛ any other yerely profettes chargeable to the sayd celses scottes taxes and doubles nowe rated taxed oꝛ sette oꝛ hereafter to be rated taxed and sette, whiche haue befoze this tyme payde oꝛ at any tyme hereafter shal paye durynge his oꝛ theyꝛ sayde interest in oꝛ to the same, any somme oꝛ sommes of money foꝛ the defence innynge and mayntenance of the sayde merchises & leuell, ouer & aboue all suche somme oꝛ sommes as he oꝛ they haue oꝛ shal receiue and take of the same landes oꝛ other yerely profettes / that from thensfoꝛth it shal be laful vnto euery suche particulare tenaunt occupier oꝛ other profet taker, their executours oꝛ assynges by force & vertue of this present acte to hold kepe possede & reteyne the same landes oꝛ other yerely profettes to his oꝛ theyꝛ owne vse agaynst al and euery such person oꝛ persons, to whom the same landes tenementes oꝛ other yerely profites shuld and ought to discende remayne oꝛ reuerte after all and euery suche particular estate expired and determyned, vntyll he oꝛ they haue fullye receyued taken and had of and vpon the same all suche somes of money as they oꝛ any of them haue bestowed imployed expended and payde in and foꝛ the defence innynge and mayntenaunce of the same.

An acte concernynge exactions leuyed on pzentises. liii.



At the pꝛayer of the cōmons in this pꝛesēt pliament assembled, resityng that where it was establysshed and enacted in the .xix. yere of our late souerayne lord kyng Henry the. vii. that no mayster wardens and felowshyp of craftes or any of them, nor any rulers of gylde or fraternites take vpon them to make any actes or ordinaunces, ne to execute any actes or ordinaunces by them hereafore made or hereafter to be made in disinheritaunce or diminucion of the pꝛerogative of the kyng, nor of other, nor agaynste the cōmon pꝛofet of the people, but if the same actes or ordinaunces be examyned or appꝛoued by the chauncelour, Treasorer of Englande, or chefe Justice of either benche, or .iii. of them, or befoꝛe the Justices of Assise in theyꝛ circute or pꝛogresse in the shire, where suche actes or ordinaunces be made, vpon peyne of forfaiture of .xl. li. for euery tyme that they do ꝑ cōtrary, as moꝛe plainly in the sayde acte doth appere. Syth which tyme dyuers wardens & felowshippes haue made actes & ordinaunces, that euery pꝛentise shal paye at his first entre in theyꝛ comon halle to the wardens of the same felowshipp, some of them .xl. s. some .xxx. s. some .xx. s. some .xiii. s. iiii. d. some .vi. s. viii. d. some .iii. s. iiii. d. after theyꝛ owne senister mindes and pleasure, contrary the meanninge of the acte afoꝛe sayd, and to the greate hurte of the kinges true subiectes puttynge theyꝛ chylde to be pꝛentysle. It is therfoꝛe now ordeyned establysshed and enacted by the kyng our souerayne lord, by thadvice of the lordes spiꝛitual and tempozal, and of the comons in this pꝛesent parliament assembled, & by the auctozite of the same, that no maister wardens or felowshippes of craftes or maisters or any of them nor any rulers of fraternites take from hensfoꝛthe of any a pꝛentise, or of any other pson or persones foꝛ the entre of any pꝛentise in to their said felowshipp, aboue the some of .ii. s. vi. d. nor foꝛ his entre whan his yeres & terme is expyred and ended aboue .iii. s. iiii. d. vpon peyne of forfaiture of .xl. li. for euery tyme ꝑ they do to ꝑ cōtrary: the one halfe to the king our souerayne lord, ꝑ other halfe to the partie ꝑ therfoꝛe shall sue by action of det, infoꝛmation, or other wyse: and that in the action afoꝛe sayde no pꝛotectiō or eslopyne shal be allowed.

An acte concernynge repayzyng and amendinge of
byꝛdges in highe wayes. v.



It enacted by the kyng our soueraine lord, and the lordes spiꝛitual and tempozal, & the comons in this pꝛesent parliament assembled, and by auctozite of the same, that the Justices of peace in euery shire of this reame fraunchise citie or boꝛough or .iiii. of them at the leest, wherof one to be of the Quozū, shall haue power and auctozite to enquire here and determyne in the kynges generall

generall sessions of peace of all maner of anopfaunces of brydges broken in the hygh wayes to the damage of the kynges lyege people, and to make suche proces and peynes vpon euery presentment afoze them for the refoz-
 mation of the same agayne suche as owen to be charged for the makynge
 or amendinge of suche brydges, as the kynges Justices of his benche vse
 commonly to do, or as it shall seme by theyr discretion to be necessary and
 conuenient for the spedye amendement of suche brydges. And where in
 many parties of this realme it can nat be knowen & proued what hundzed
 ryddynge wapentake citie bozoughe towne or parylshe, nor what persone
 certeyne or body polptike oughte of ryght to make suche brydges decayed,
 by reason wherof suche decayed brydges for lacke of knowlege of suche as
 owen to make them for the mooste parte lye longe withoute any amende-
 ment to the greate anopfaunce of the kynges subiectes: For the remedye
 therof be it enacted by auctorite aforesayd, that in euery suche case the said
 brydges, if they be without cite or towne corporate, shall be made by the in-
 habytautes of the shyre or riddinge, within the whiche the sayde brydge
 decayde shall happen to be: And if it be within any citie or towne corpo-
 rate, than by the inhabytautes of euerye suche citie or towne corporate,
 wherin suche brydges shal happen to be. And if parte of any suche brydges
 so odecayde happen to be in one shyre ryddynge citie or towne corporate,
 and the other parte therof in an other shyre reddynge citie or towne corpo-
 rate, or if parte be within the lymytes of any citie or towne corporate, and
 parte without, or parte within one ryddynge, and parte within an other:
 that then in euery suche case the inhabytautes of the shires ryddynge ci-
 ties or townes corporate shalbe charged and chargable to amende make
 and repayze suche parte and porcion of suche brydges so decayed as shall
 lye and be within the lymytes of the shyre ryddynge citie or towne cor-
 porate, wherin they be inhabyted at the tyme of the same decayes.

¶ And be it farther enacted, that in euerye suche case, where it can nat be
 knowen and proued what persones landes tenementes & bodyes polptike
 owen to make & repayze such brydges, that for spedye refozation & amen-
 ding of suche brydges the Justices of peace within the shires or riddynge
 wherin suche decayde brydges ben out of cities and townes corporate, and
 if it be within cites or townes corporate: than the Justices of peace within
 euerye suche citie or towne corporate, or .iiii. of the said Justices at the least,
 wherof one to be of the Quorum, shall haue power and auctorite within
 the lymittes of their seuerall commissions and auctorities to calle before
 them the Cunstables of euery towne and parylshe beyng within the shire
 ryddynge citie or towne corporate, as welle within lybertie as withoute,
 wherin suche brydges or any parcell therof shall happen to be, or els .ii. of
 the mooste honeste inhabitautes within euerye suche towne or parylshe in
 the sayde shire ryddynge citie or towne corporate by the discretion of the
 sayde Justices of peace, or .iiii. of them at the leste, wherof one to be of the

Quorum

Quorum: And at and vpon the apparances of suche Constables or inhabitantes the said Justices of peace, or .iiii. of them, wherof one to be of the Quorum, with the assent of the said constables or inhabitantes shall haue power and auctoritie to take and sette euery inhabitant in any suche cytie towne or parryshe within the limyttes of their commissions and auctorities to suche reasonable ayde and somme of money, as they shal thinke by their discretions conuenient and sufficiente for the repayynge reedifyenge and amendment of suche brydges, & after suche taxation made the sayd Justices shall cause the names and sommes of euery particular pion so by them taxed to be wrytten in a rolle indented. And shall also haue power and auctoritie to make .ii. collectours of euery hundred for collection of all suche sommes of money by them set & taxed, whiche collectours receyving the one parte of the sayde rolle indented vnder the seales of the sayd Justices shall haue power and auctoritie to collecte & receyue all the particular sommes of money therin conteyned, and to distreyn euery suche inhabytant as shall be taxed and refuse payment therof in his landes goodes and cattels, and to sell suche distresse, and of the sale therof receyue & perceyue al the money taxed, & the residue (if the distresse be better) to deliuer to the owner thereof. And that the same Justices or .iiii. of them within the limyttes of their commissions and auctorities shall also haue power and auctoritie to name and appoynt .ii. Surueyours, whiche shall se euery such decayde brydge repaired and amended from tyme to tyme as often as nede shal require, to whose handes the sayde collectours shall pay the sayde sommes of money taxed and by them receyued, and that the collectours and Surueyours & euery of them and their executours and administratours and the executours and administratours of them and euery of them from tyme to tyme shall make a true declaration & accompt to the Justices of peace of the shire ryddynge cite or towne corporate, wherein they shalbe appoynted collectours or Surueyours, or to .iiii. of the same Justices, wherof one to be of the Quorum, of the receytes paymentes and expences of the sayd sommes of money: And if they or any of them refuse that to do, that than the same Justices of peace, or .iiii. of them from tyme to tyme by their discretions shall haue power & auctorite to make processe ageyne the sayde collectours and Surueyours & euery of them their executours and administratours and the executours & administratours of euery of them by attachementes vnder their seales retournable at the generall sessions of peace: And if they appere, than to compell them to accompte as is afore sayde, or els if they or any of them refuse that to do, than to comytte suche of them as shal refuse, to warde, there to remayne without baylle or mainpryse till the sayde declaration & accompte be truly made. And where any brydge or brydges lyen in one shire or ryddynge, and suche persones inhabytauntes bodie polytike landes or tenementes, whiche owen to be charged to the makynge & amendinge of suche brydges, lyen & abyden in an other shire or rydding, or where suche brydges

ben within any citie or towne corporate, and the persons inhabytauntes
bodies polytyke landes or tenementes, that owen to make or repayre any
suche bridges, lyen and ben out of the sayd citie or townes corporate: Be
it enacted, that in euery suche case the Justices of peace of the shyre citie
or towne corporate, within the whiche suche decayed byddges or any parte
therof shall happen to be, shall haue power to inquire here and determyne
al suche anoyssances beinge within the lymittes of theyr commissions or au-
ctoizites. And if the anoyssaunce be presented, than to make processe in to
euery shire within this realme agayne suche as owen to make or amende
any suche bridges so presented befoze them to be decayed to the anoyssaunce
and lette of the passage of the kynges subiectes, and to do farther in euery
behalfe in euery suche case, as they mought do by auctoizite of this acte in
case that the persons, or bodies polytyke, landes, or tenementes, whiche
owen to be charged to the amendynge or makynge of suche byddges or any
parte therof, were in the same shyre ryddynge citie or towne corporate,
where suche anoyssaunce shall happen to be. And that al sheriffes and bay-
lyffes of liberties and fraunchises shall truely serue and execute suche pro-
ces, as shall come to their handes from the sayde Justices of peace, afoze
whom any presentment shall be had for any suche anoyssaunce acco:dyng
to the tenour and effecte of the sayde processe to them directed without fa-
uour affection or corruption, vppon peyne to make suche fyne as shall be
set vpon them or any of them by the discretion of the said Justices. ¶ Pro-
vided alway that this act nor any thyng therein conteyned be nat preiudici-
all to the liberties of the. v. portes or membres of the same, and for refoz-
mation of anoyssances of byddges within the sayde portes and membres.
¶ Be it enacted by auctoizite of this present parlyament, that the warden
mayres and baillyffes elected and Jurates of the same portes and euerye of
them haue power and auctoizite to inquire here and determyne all maner
of comen anoyssances of byddges within the same portes and membres,
and to make suche processe peynes taxacions and all other thynges within
the same portes & membres, as the Justices of pece may do in other shires
or places out of the same portes by vertue & auctoizite of this present acte
in euery behalfe. And be it farther enacted by the auctoizite afoze sayd, that
the Justices of peace or foure of them shall haue power and auctoizite to
allowe suche reasonable costes and charges to the sayde Surueyours and
Collectours, as by their discretion shall be thought conuenient.
¶ For as moche that all be it byddges decayed were amended and repay-
red acco:dyng to the tenour of this acte, yet neuer the lesse if spedye reme-
dye for the amendement of the wayes nexte adioynynge to euerye of the
endes of suche byddges shulde nat be hadde and made, the kynges subiec-
tes shulde take lyttell or none auayle or commodite in many pannes of this
realme by the makynge of the byddges: In consideration wherof be hit
enacted by the kyng our soueraygne lord, and the lordes spirituelle and
tempozall,

tempozall, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that suche parte and porcion of the hygh wayes in euery parte of this realme (as well within franchise as without) as lye next adioynynge to any endes of any brydges within this realme distant from any of the sayde endes by the space. **CCC.** fote, be made repayzed and amended as often as nede shall require. And that the Justices of the peace in euery shire of this realme fraunchise citie or borough, or .iiii. of them at the lest, wherof one to be of the Quorum, within the limytes of their commissions and auctorytes, shall haue power and auctorite to enquire here and determyne in the kynges generall sessions of peace all maner of anoy saunces of and in suche hye wayes so beinge and lyenge nexte adioynynge to any endes of brydges within this realme distant from anye of the endes of suche brydges. **CCC.** fote: and to do in euery thyng and thynges concernynge the makynge repayzinge and amendynge of suche hygh wayes and euery of them in as large and ample maner, as they mought and may do to and for the makynge repayzinge and amendynge of brydges by vertue and auctoritie of this present acte.

An acte concernynge tanners and bochers. vi.



Das moche as in dyuers and many good townes and places within this realme sondry psons occupieng the craftes of bochers haue nowe of late for their singular priuate lucre & aduantages sette vp tannynge houses vlynge in the same craftes of Tanners, and nat beinge experie in the sayd crafte do daily make moche false vntrewe & discepuable lether, sellynge the same in the great discepte of the kynges pooze subiectes. And also by meane that they do occupy as well the sayd craft of tanners as of bouchers they do many tymes bye stolen oren kyne steres calues and shepe and the same do kyll and selle in their bochers shoppes conueyeng the hydes skynnes and felles of suche stolne cattall vnto their tanne houses causynge the same to be tanned and transposed into tanned lether, by meane wherof nat onely greatte nombze of honest psons within this realme being robbed of suche oren kyne steres calues & shepe so taken can neuer com to the knowlege of the same neither by skynne hyde horne felle or other marke, wherby dyuers prerie felonies ben dayly in many places of this realme cloyed comytted and done to the great hurte of the kynges most loupnge subiectes. And also by occasion of the pzemisses the true and substaunciall occupation of tannynge of lether is in lyke brefe tyme vtterly to decay thzough out this realme, if spedye remedye be nat therin prouyded. Be it therfore enacted by the kyng our soveraygne lord, the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that no

persone or persones occuppunge the crafte or occupation of a bocher within this realme, shall at no tyme after the feast of saynt Michaell tharcan gell next commyng by him selfe nor by any other to his vse kepe any tanne house, or occupp the crafte of a tanner and bocher within any place of this realme, vpon peyn of forfayture of .vi. s. viii. d. for every day that he or any to his vse shall occupp any tanne house or crafte of a tanner after the sayde feast. cōtrary to the forme & effect of this estatute, & one halfe of every suche forfayture to be to the vse of our soueraine lord the king, & the other halfe to the vse of hym that wyl sue for the same to any of þ kynges courtes be it by writte byll playnt or information, wherin the defendant shal nat be admitted to wage his law, nor any protectiō or essoin shalbe to hym allowed.

In acte concernynge conueyeng and carpeng of horses & mares out of this realme. vii.

Where at a parlyament holden at westmister in the .xi. yere of the reygne of the late famous prince of memory, kyng Henry the. vii. it was auctorised established and enacted, by auctorite of the said parliament, that from thensforth no maner of persone nor persones shulde cary or conuey any horse out of this lande without the kynges speciall licence, vpon peine of forfayture of the same, or any mare aboue the value of .vi. s. viii. d. without the kynges speciall lycence, vpon the sayd peyne of forfayture of the same mare, the owner therof or his deputie receiuyng for the same mare. vi. s. viii. d. at the tyme of the seisure vpon the sayde forfayture, or els it nat to be forfayte. And at the tyme of seisure of the sayd mare or mares, they shall be pzeysed by the heed officers of the towne, wher any suche mare is taken, & there openly to be solde to the best pzeice, and the halfe deale of the ouer pzeice of her, being aboue. vi. s. viii. d. to be to the kinge, and the other halfe to hym that so selleth, and the kingis part theraf to be delyuerde to the customer of the sayd porte. And where as it was further prouyded by the same acte, that it shulde be lefull to euerye person or persons being Denysen from thensforth to carpe horse beyonde the see, the kynges licence in that behalfe nat opteyned for their owne vles nat intendynge at the tyme of the shyppe of the same, nor than fully purposed to sel hym, And that intent to be knowen by the othe of hym that shulde do shyppe the same horse taken before the customer or sercher of the same port, as by the said act made in the sayde .xi. yere amonges other evidently appereth. Syth the making of which acte great nombres of horses and mares haue ben secretely and other wyse conueyde out of this realme, contrary to the forme and effecte of the sayde statute: wherby the horses of this realme apte and mete for the waye & for other necessary vles be at this tyme moche derer than lyke horses haue ben heretofore. And by reason of
cariage

carriage & great multitude of the good mares of this realme into the parties of beyonde the see the good breede of horses of this realme is greatly decayed, whiche is an other cause of derthe and scarcitie of the said horses. And where also many oxen steres kyne calves and shepe bene dayely conveyed and carped out of this realme into the parties beyond the see, which causeth great scarcitie of vitayle, and maketh cattel and vitaille to be solde within this realme at moche greater prices, nat only to the great hurte of the kynges hyghnes in his provisions, but also to the great hurte & impoverishment of the kinges subiectes within this realme, wherfore it is ordeined and enacted by auctorite of this present parliament, that no maner of persone or persones from henceforth shal carry or convey any horse geldyng mare or colte out of this realme or wales or marches of the same, into any the parties of beyonde the see: nor from henceforth carry or convey any oxen steres bullockes calves kyne or shepe out of this realme or wales or the marches of the same in to any of the sayde parties beyonde the see withoute the kynges speciall licence vnder his greate seale of Englande, vpon payne of forfaiture for every polle so conveyed contrarie to this acte xli.s. nor that any person or persons shal from henceforth bring any suche horse geldynges mares coltes oxen steres bullockes calves kyne or shepe to any haven porte or creke within this realme or wales or the marches therof to be carried ouer the see out of this realme, without the kinges sayde speciall licence, vpon payne of forfaiture of every suche horse mare oxen and other cattels aforesaid, so brought vnto any suche haven porte or creke to be conveyed out of this realme into the parties of beyond the see, as is aforesayde.

¶ Prouyded alwayes that it shal be lefull to every the kynges subiectis, whiche for reasonable causes shal entend to passe & repasse into and out of this realme in to any the parties of beyonde the see to haue take and carpe with them out of this realme horses or geldynges for theyr onely occupation commoditie and ease in suche their iourneyes, and nat to thentente to selle the same in any the parties beyonde the see: and that entent to be iudged by the othe of suche the sayde subiectes that shal so doo shyppe suche horse or geldyng, whiche othe shal be taken befoze the customers or any theyr sufficient deputies or sercher of the same porte, where it shalbe shypped befoze the shypinge therof.

¶ Prouyded also that this acte nor any thyng therein conteyned be in any wyse hurtfull or prejudiciall to suche persones as shal conveye oxen shepe or other cattell to the sayde towne of Caleys and marches of the same for the onely bytapyng of the sayde towne and marches, soo that alwayes every suche persone and persones be bounde befoze the customers or theyr laufulle deputies of the porte haven or creke where suche cattelle shal be shypped, by obligacion to the kynges vse in as great somme as the value of the cattell so to be conveyed ouer shal amount vnto, accoꝝdyng to the

Discretion of the same customer, that he shall not onely conueye the sayde cattell to the sayde towne or marches, there to be solde or otherwysse there to be distributed and spent for the vittayllynge onely of the same, but also to brynge or sende to the sayde customer a sufficient certificat, within foure monethes nexte after the date of the sayde obligation, the same certificat to be sealed and subscribed with the handes of two of the kynges counselle of the sayde towne or marches, and by the customer or his deputie of the sayde towne, that the sayde cattelles haue bene trewely brought without fraude, and delyueredde to somme the kynges offycers or subiectes inhabyted and abydynge in the sayde towne of Caleys or marches, there to be spent for the onely vittayllynge aforesayd. And after that suche customer hath receyued suche certificat made sealed and subscribed in due forme (as is aforesayde) he to cancel the same obligation vppon payne of forfayture of the somme of the sayd obligation, and after to brynge or sende the same obligatiō so cancelled, with the certificat therunto annexed, or els for lacke of suche due certificat so to be made the said customer to brynge or sende the said obligation vncancelled into the kynges eschequer at the tyme of makynge of his or their accompte for the yere nexte after the tyme lymytted in the sayd obligation, there to remayne vntyll trewe knowlege be hadde, whether the sayde cattell and euerye parte therof hath bene duely brought without fraude to the sayde towne or marches for vittayllynge of the same, as is aforesayde, so as for lacke of suche certificat nat made accoꝝdynge to the condicion of the sayd obligation, processe may be made in the sayd eschequer for the recouery of the penaltie in the sayde obligation to the kynges vse accoꝝdynge to reason. And if any customer sercher or controller of any porte haupn or creke within this realme suffre any suche cattalles to be shypped in the same befoze such obligation had, as is aforesayde, or if any customer fayle in bryngynge or sendynge into the kynges eschequer at his or theyꝝ accompte the sayde obligacyon by hym to be taken with the certificat if any be to hym brought in forme as is aboue sayde: that than euerye suche customer sercher and controller sufferynge any suche cattell to be conueyde ouer the see contrary to this acte shall lose and forfayte lyke sommes, as the partie so shyppyng or conueyenge the same cattell shall do by vertue of this present acte: and for defaulte of certificat of any suche obligation and certificat accoꝝdynge to the tenour and effect of this acte euerye suche customer shall lose and forfayte. x.li.

¶ And be it further enacted, that it shall nat be lafull to any persone to carpe or conuey any suche cattell brought out of this realme to the sayde towne of Caleys or marches, out of the sayde towne and marches of the same, vpon payne of forfayture for euery polle so brought out of the said towne and marches. xl.s. The one halfe of which forfaytures & penalties, excepte the sommes of money conteyned in suche obligations, to be to the kyng our souerayne lord, & the other halfe to þe partie that shall seise or sue for

for the same by action bylle playnte or information in any of the kynges courtes : wherin the defendaunt shal not wage his lawe, nor any protectiō or esoyne shal be allowed. And if any ples be pleded in any suche action or sute, nat triable in the realme, nor within any suche place, where the kynges wyttē dothe conne : than by auctoritie of this acte euery suche ples if any issue be taken of the same, shal be tryed by the verdite of . xii . men in the shire or place, where any suche action or sute shal be commensed / any thynge to the contrary herof nat withstandynge.

Cōpounded that it may be lafull to the kynges counsellars of the sayde towne and marches of Calpes to conuey oute of this realme to the same towne and marches suche hozses / geldynges and mares for theyr owne vses / as they shal thynke expedient / nat entendynge at the shypynge of them to put them afterwarde to sale, wherby they shuld be conueyed out of the kynges sayde towne and marches : and that entent to be iudged by the othe of them that shal shyppe suche hozses geldynges and mares to be taken befoze the customer or sercher or any theyr deputyes of the same porthe hauē or creke, where it shalbe shypped. And that other hozsemen of the sayde towne and marches, that is to saye men of armes speares or hozsebacke archers on hozsebacke and scowrsers may carpe and conuey out of this realme suche hozses and geldynges as any of them comynge in to this realme shal haue brought with them, or leauynge suche hozses or geldynges as they shal brynge into this realme, or comynge hyther within this realme without any hozse or geldynge may liberally carie and take with them to the sayde towne of Calpes and marches other hozses & geldynges of the bredynge of this realme for theyr owne vses within and without the same towne and marches, this acte or any thynge therein conteyned to the contrary nat withstandynge.

Cōpounded alwayes that this acte nor any thynge therein mencioned, be in any wyse hurtfulle or pzeiudiciall to the mayster of the kynges hozses now and hereafter to be, for suche thinges and commodities as shal and do concerne his office, any thing in this acte to the contrary not withstanding.

Cōpounded also that the wardayne of the fyue portes nowe beinge, or hereafter to be, may perely at his pleasure gyue. vi. hozses or geldynges & no moze within one yere, at one or dyuers tymes, vppon lyke payne as is aforesayde, to any persone or persones into the parties beyonde the sees, beinge in amitie with the kynges hyghnes or his successours, this acte or any thynge therein nat withstandynge. This acte to continue vnto the last daye of the nexte parlyament.

Cōpounded alway that it shalbe lefull to any the kynges subiectes to cary or sende to any parties of beyonde the see any mares, wherof the price of any one mare so to be caried doth nat excede. vi. s. viii. d. in lyke maner as they myght do befoze the makynge of this acte, any thynge in this acte to the contrary hereof nat withstandynge.

An acte concernynge Denysens to pay straungers
customes, tolles, and other dueties. viii.

When the commons in this present parliament assembled, that
where in a parliament holden at westm the .vii. day of No-
uembre, in the fyrst yere of the reygne of our late souerayne
lord of famous memozy king Henry the .vii. whose soule god
perdon, It was ordeyned establisshed and enacted by aucto-
ritie of the said parliament, that euery person made (or after the makynge of
the said acte) to be made Denisen, shulde paye of his marchandyses lyke
custome & subsidie as he oughte or shuld pay afore that he were made De-
nisen, any letters patentes, or other ordynances by parliament or otherwise
to the contrarie nat withstandynge: whiche estatute and ordynance was
onely made for custome and subsidie to be payde to the sayde late kyng and
to our nowre souerayne lord. Sythen whiche tyme dyuers grautes haue
ben made to dyuers as well marchaunt straungers as other alpens, bozne
out of this realme, to be Denysens, wherby they haue and enioy suche fre-
domes & liberties as dothe Denysens bozne within this realme beinge our
said soueraigne lord & kynges naturall bozne subiectes, wherof there is no
small nombre, and euery day encrease moze & moze, by the whiche the sayd
Alpens to theyr lucre and auayle ben encreased to greate and notable sub-
staunce and ryches, & the natural subiectes of our sayd soueraine lord and
his realme greatlye enpoueryshed: And after they be enryched, for the
most part conuey them selues with their said goodes to their own countrey,
wherin they be naturally bozne, to the great detriment of the comun weale
of this realme of Englande & subiectes of the same. It may therfore please
your hyghnes of your most good & lounge disposition, that ye beare and
owe to the comun welthe of this your realme, by the aduyse of your lordes
spirituall and tempoꝝall, and the commons in this present parliament as-
sembled, and by auctoritie of the same, to ordeyne, enacte, and establishe,
that euery person or pson, what so euer they be, bozne out of this realme
of Englande out of the kynges obeyssance, made or hereafter to be made De-
nyson, do pay your grace & to your heyses, and to all and euery other per-
sone or persones, of what estate degre or condition he or they be and to
all and singular offycers and ministers of cities bozoughes and townes
within this realme of Englande and to euery of them, all suche subsidies
customes tolles duties and other sommes of money for theyr wares mar-
chandises and other what so euer goodes, by what so euer name or names
the sayde subsidies customes tolles duties and other sommes of money or
any of them be named or called, as they shulde or oughte to haue payde
before they were Denysens, any graunt or grautes to them made or here
after to be made, or any acte or actes estatute or ordynance to the contrary
made or had nat withstandynge.

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¶ Provided alway that all and singular officers and mynisters of every cytie, borough, or towne, wherein any suche custome tolles dueties or sommes of money shall be demaunded (as is aboue sayde) on this side the feast of Penthecoste nexte commynge shall sette vp or cause to be sette vp in open place and places of every suche citie borough or towne a table or tables / by whiche the certeyntie and very duetie of euerye suche custome tolle and duetie or somme of money of suche wares and marchandise to be demaunded or required, as is aboue reherced, shall and maye playnely appere & be declared, to thentente that nothyng be exacted otherwyle than in olde tyme hath ben vsed and accustomed, vpon payne of every cytie nat doyng the same to lose. v. li. and every towne corporate to lose. xl. s. for every monthe that the same table shall fayle to be sette vp after the same feast, the moyte of whiche forfayture to be to the kynge our soueraygne lord, and the other moytie to the partie that wyl sue for the same by writ byll or playnt information: in whiche action the defendant shall haue no elloyne wager of lawe ne protection allowed.

¶ Provided alway and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that this acte ne any other acte or actes made or to be made in this present parliament, concernyng the premises, be nat in any wyle prejudiciall or hurtful vnto the marchauntes of the house of almaygne, nor to any of them havinge the house within the citie of London commonly called Gylde halle Cheutonicozum, otherwise called the marchantes of Styliarde in London, nor to their goodes or marchandises, by what so euer name or names they or any of them be called: but that they and euery of them shall haue and enjoy all suche liberties franchises customs and priuileges, as they had the fyrst day of this present parliament, any thyng or thynges specified in this acte or in any other acte or actes made or to be made in this present parliament nat withstandyng.

¶ Provided alway that the tables so to be sette vp in the citie of London touchyng scauage within the same shall fyrste be viewed examyned and approued by the Chancelour & Treasourer of Englande, the president of the kynges counsel, the lord priuie seale, the lord steward of the kynges moste honorable household, and the.ii. chiefe Justices of the kynges beche and common place for the tyme beyng, or by.iiii. of them at the leaste, and by them subscribed.

¶ An acte agaynst Poysonyng. ix.



He kynges royall maiestye callynge to his mooste blessed remembraunce / that the makynge of good and holsome lawes and due execution of the same agaynst the offendours therof / is the onely cause, that good obedience and order hath benne preserved in this realme: And his hyghnes hauynge mooste tender zeale

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to the same, amonge other thynges, considerynge that mannes lyfe aboue all thynges is chieflie to be fauoured, and voluntarie murders mooste hyghly to be detested and abhored, & specially of all kyndes of murders popsonnyng, whiche in this realme hytherto (our lord be thanked) hath ben mooste rare and seldome commytted or practised: And nowe in the tyme of this present parlyamente that is to saye in the .xviii. Daye of Februarie in the .xii. yere of his mooste victorious reygne one Rycharde Roole late of Rouchester in the countie of Kente cooke, other wyle called Rycherde cooke, of his mooste wycked and dampnable disposition / dyd caste a certayne benyme or popson in to a vessell replenyshed with yeste or barne standynge in the kechynne of the reuerende father in god John bysshoppe of Rouchester at his place in Lambythe marthe: with whiche yeste or barne and other thynges conueniente / porrage or gruell was forthewith made for his famylle there beyng: where by nat onely the nombre of .xvii. personnes of his sayde famylle / whiche dyd eate of that porrage, were mortallye infected and popsonned, and one of them that is to saye Benet Curwen gentyll man therof is deceased, but also certayne pooze people, whiche resorted to the sayde bysshoppes place, and were there charitably fedde with the remaine of the sayde porrage and other byttayles, were in lyke wyle enfecte, and one pooze woman of theym, that is to saye Alyce Trypppytte wydowe is also thereof nowe deceased: Our sayde soueraygne lord the kyng of his blessed disposition inwardly abhorrynge all suche abhomynable offences, bycause that in maner no persone canne lyue in suertie oute of daunger of deathe by that meane, yf practyse therof shulde nat be eschewed, hath ordeyned and enacted by auctoritie of this presente parlyament that the sayde popsonnyng be adjudged and demed as hyghe treason. And that the sayd Rycharde Roole for the sayde murder and popsonnyng of the sayde two personnes (as is aforesayde) by auctoritie of this present parlyament shall stande and be atteynted of hyghe treason. And bycause that detestable offence nowe newly practysed and commytted requirith condigne punysshment for the same, It is ordeyned and enacted by auctozite of this presente parlyamente, that the sayde Rycharde Roole shall be therfore boyled to deathe without haupng any aduantage of his clergie. And that from henceforth euerie wylfull murder of any persone or persons, by any what so euer persone or persones hereafter to be commytted and done, by meane or waye of popsonnyng, shall be reputed demed and iudged in the lawe to be hyghe treason. And that all and euerie persone or persones, whiche hereafter shal be lafully indited or appeled, and atteynted or condemned by order of the lawe of suche treason for any maner popsonnyng of any persone, shall nat be admytted to the benefite of his or theyr clergie: but shall be immediatly after suche atteynder or condemnation commytted to execution of dethe by boylng for the same. And that the Justice of peace,

in euerye shire citie or towne corporate within this realme, where Justices of peace bene, shall haue full power and auctoritie in theyr sessions to inquire from tyme to tyme as well of suche traytorous murderers and murders as of the counterfeaytynge of coyne of anye outwarde realme, suffered to runne and goo within this realme by the kynges assente, and to make processe there vppon by Capias onelye. And that the Justices of Assyse in euerye shires of Englande shall haue fulle power and auctoritie to here and determyne in theyr sessions, as welle suche treasons commytted and done by waye of popsonnyng / as the counterfeaytynge of anye suche coyne suffered to runne within this realme by the kynges assente, as is aforesayde. ¶ And furthermoze it is enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament, that all landes and tenementes, and other hereditamentes of any personne and personnes / whiche hereafter shall be condemned or atteynted of any treason for popsonnyng (as is aforesayde) shall eschete remayne and be to the lordes of the fees / as by the lawes of this realme landes and tenementes of felons or murderers atteynted haue heretofore excheted, this present acte of treason or any thing therein conteyned nat withstandynge.

¶ An acte concernynge outlandyshe people, callynge them selves
Egyptians. r.



Or asmoche as befoze this tyme dyuers and many outlandyshe people callynge them selves Egyptians vsyng no crafte nor feate of marchandise, haue comen into this realme, and gone from shyre to shire, and place to place in great companye, and vsed great subtyll and craftye meanes to deceiue the people / bearyng them in hande, that they by Palmestrye coude tell mens and womens fortunes: and soo many tymes by crafte and subtiltie haue deceyued the people of theyr moneye: And also hath commytted manye and haynous felonyes and robbozys, to the great hurte and disceyte of the people that they haue compyn amonge.

¶ Be hit therfore by the kyng our soueraygne lord, the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same ordeyned establisshed and enacted, that from henseforth no suche persones be suffred to come within this the kynges realme. And if they do, than they and euery of them so doynge shall forfayte to the kyng our soueraygne lord all theyr goodes and cattalles, and than to be commanded to auoyde the realme within. xv. dayes nexte after the commaundement, vpon payne of imprisonment, And it shall be
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laful to euery Sherriffe, Justice of peace and Eschetoure to seple to the vse of our souerayne lord his heyres and successours, all suche goodes as they or any of theym shall haue: And therof to make accompte to our sayd souerayne lord in his Eschequer. And if it shall happen anye suche straunger hereafter to commytte within this realme any murder robbery or any other felony, and therof be indicted and arrayned, and to plede nat gyltie, or any other plee triable by the countrey: that than thenquest that shall passe betwene the kynge and anye suche partie shall be all to gether of englysshemen, all be it that the partie so indicted pray medietatem lingue, accoꝝdinge to the statute of Anno. viii. Henrici. vi. or of any other statute therof made.

Prouyded alwaye that the Egyptians nowe beyng in this realme haue monition to departe within .xvi. dayes after proclamation of this estatute amonge them shall be made, vpon payne of imprisonmente and forsaite of their goodes and cattelles. And if they than so departe, that than they shall not forsaite theyꝝ goodes nor any parte therof, this present estatute nat withstandynge.

Prouyded alwaye that euerye suche persone or persones whiche canne proue by .ii. credible persones befoze the same partie, that seplethe suche moneye goodes or cattelles of the same Egyptians, that any parte of the same goodes money or cattels were craftely or felonously taken or stollen from hym, shall be incontinent restozed vnto the same goodes moneye or cattels, wherof he maketh such proue befoze the same partie that so sepleth the same money goodes or cattelles, vpon payne to forsaite to the same partie that maketh suche proue the double value of the same by action of Dette bylle or otherwyse in any of the kynges courtes to be sued: vpon whiche action and sute he shall nat be admytted to wage his lawe, nor any protection or esoyne to be allowed, any thyng in the acte to the contrary nat withstandynge.

Prouyded alwayes, and be it farther enacted, that if any Justice of peace Sherriffe or Eschetour, whiche by auctoritie of this acte haue power to take or seale any goodes or cattels of any Egyptians at any tyme hereafter do seale or take the goodes or cattels of anye suche Egyptians: that thenne euerye suche Justice Sherriffe or Eschetour doinge the same shall haue kepe and reteyne to his owne vse the moytie of all such goodes so by hym sealed, and of the other moytie so by hym taken or sealed shall make answer and accompte to the kynge in his Eschequer, accoꝝdinge to the tenour of this present acte: any thyng in the same acte conteyned to the contrary hereof nat withstandynge. And that vpon any accompt hereafter to be made for the sayd other moytie of the same goodes, the accomptant shall pay no maner of fees or other charges for his accompte or discharge to be had in the kynges Eschequer, nor els where.

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An acte concernynge Powdyke in Marshelande.



Where tofore this tyme dyuers euill disposed persons of theyr peruersed and euill disposition, maliciously at dyuers & sondry tymes haue cutte caste downe and broken bp dyuers partyes of the deke called the newe Powdyke in Marshelande, in the countie of Nozfolke. And the broken dyke otherwyle called Oldefelde dyke by Marshelande in the Ile of Elpe, in the countye of Cambridge: by reason wherof as well by the great abundaunce of the salte water, as also by the course of the freshe water entrynge and commynge in to and by the sayde parties of the sayde dyches so broken and caste downe, the grounde and pastures within the countrey of Marshelande in the counties aforesayd hath ben dyuers and many tymes drowned and surrounded with the waters aforesayde, so that no profytte therof myghte be taken by the owners and occupiers of the sayd graunde & pastures within Marshelande aforesayd. For the drowning wherof the said owners and occupiers of the said grounde, and the inhabitantes within the sayde Marshelande and the leuell of the same at many and sondry tymes hath bene nat onely put to importunate charges and expences to their extreme damages and costes, but also to theyr great vndoynge haue losse moche of theyr cattell and bestis than being and pasturing vpon & within Marsheland aforesaid to theyr great damage and losse, & to the great decay of the common weale of the countreys adioynning to y same. And also by reason of the same waters moche people haue ben drowned in theyr beddes within theyr houses, and haue lost the mooste parte of their goodes beinge within the same.

For the reformation wherof be hit ordeyned enacted and establisshed by the kynge our souerayne lord, by the assent of the lordes spirituall and tempoꝛall, and the comens in this present parliamēt assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same that euerye suche peruerse and malicious cuttynge downe and bꝛekynge bp of any part or partys of the sayd dykes, or of any other banke, beinge parcell of the rynde and vttermest parte of the sayde countrey of Marshelande aforesayd, made for the defence and saluation of the same countrey of Marshelande, at euery time and tymes from hensforthe by any persone or persones commytted and done, otherwyle than in woꝛkynge vpon the sayde bankes or dykes for the repayzinge fortifyenge and mendynge of the same: be taken reputed and adiudged felonye. And that the offendours & doers of the same & euery of them be adiudged & reputed felons. And that the Justyces of the peace of the sayde counties of Nozfolke and Cambrydge, within the sayde Ile, at euerye of theyr sessyons within the same Ile and countyes to be keped, by the auctoritie aforesayde haue full power to cause enquirie to be made of euerye suche offence, so at any tyme in fourme aforesayde hereafter to be commytted and done, and to awarde lyke processe agaynst euery of the sayde offendours, with lyke

lyke iugment & executiō of the same (if they oꝛ any of them be therof foude gyltie by verdyte oꝛ otherwysse) as the sayd Justice hath bled and accustomed to do vpon other felonys beinge felonye at the comon lawe.

An acte concerninge howe aged, pooze, & impotent persones compelled to lyue by almes, shall be ozdred: and howe vacaboundes and myghtye stronge beggers shal be punished. xii.



Where in all places thzoughe out this realme of Eng-
lande becaboundes and beggars haue of longe tyme
increased and dayly do increase in great and excessiue
nombres by the occasion of ydelnes mother and rote of
all vices, wherby hath insurged and spronge, & dayly
insurgeth and springeth continuall thestes murders
and other sondꝝ heinous offences & great enozmities,
to the hygh displeure of god, the inquietation and damage of the kynges
people, and to the meruaylus disturbaunce of the common weale of this
realme: And where as many and sondꝝ good lawes streyte statutes and
ordenaunces haue ben befoze this tyme deuysed and made, as welle by the
kyng our soueraygne loꝛde as also by dyuers his moste noble progeny-
tours kynges of Englande, for the moste necessarye and due reformation
of the pzemysses: Yet that nat withstandynge the sayd nombres of vaca-
boundes and beggers be nat sene in any partie to be mynyshed but rather
dayly augmented and increased into greatte routes & companies, as euy-
dently and manifestly it dothe and maye appere. Be it therfoze enacted by
the kyng our souerayne loꝛde, and by the loꝛdes spirituall and tempozall
and the comons in this pzesent parlyament assembled, and by auctozitie of
the same, that the Justices of the peace of all and syngular the shyzes of
Englande within the lymities of their comillions, and all other Justyces
of peace Mayres Sheriffes bayliffes and other officers of all and euerpe
citie bozough ryddynge oꝛ fraunches within the realme of Englande,
within the lymities of their auctozities, shall from tyme to tyme as often
as nede shall require by theyr discretions deuysde theym selves within the
sayde shyzes citie bozoughes ryddynge oꝛ frauncheles, wherof they be
Justices of peace Mayres Sheriffes baylyffes oꝛ officers, and so beinge
deuided shall make diligent serche & inquire of all aged pooze and impo-
tent psons, whiche lyue oꝛ of necessite be compelled to lyue by almes of the
charytie of the people, that be oꝛ shall be hereafte abydyng within euerp
hundred rape wapentake cytie bozoughe parysshe lybertie oꝛ fraunches
within the lymittes of their diuision, and after and vpon such serche made
the sayd Justices of peace Mayres Sheriffes bayliffes and other officers,
that is to save euery of them within theyr lymyttes of theyr auctozytes,
where vnto they be deuysde, shall haue power and auctozitie by theyr dis-
cretions

*By Acte of Parliament
made in the 22. year of
the said Kinge*

*Officers diuided shall
make search & inquire*

cretions to enable to begge within suche hundred rape wapentake cytie
towne parisshe or other limittes, as they shall appoint, suche of the sayde
impotent persones, whiche they shall fynde and thynke moſte conuenient
within the lymtes of theyr diuision, to lyue of the charitie and almes of
the people, and to gyue in commandement to euery suche aged and impo-
tent begger (by them enabled) that none of them shall begge withoute the
lymites to them so appoynted, & shall also register and wyte the names of
euery suche impotent begger (by them apoynted) in a byll or rolle inden-
ted, the one parte therof to remayne with them ſelfe, and the other parte by
them to be certified befoze the Juſtices of peace at the nexte ſeſſions after
ſuche ſerche had, to be holden within the ſayd ſhires, cites townes or fran-
cheſes, there to remayne vnder the keppnge of Custos Rotulorum. And
that the ſayde Juſtices of peace Mayres Sheryffes baylyffes and other
officers, that is to ſaye as they be deuoyded, shall haue power and auctozite
to make ſuche & ſo many ſeales to be engraued with the names of the hun-
dredes rapes wapentakes cities bozoughes townes or places, within the
whiche they ſhal appoynt and limite euery ſuch impotent perſon to begge, &
comitte the ſayde ſeales to þ custody of ſuch of them, or to þ custody of ſuch
other as they ſhal thynke conuenient, & ſhall make & delyuer to euery ſuche
impotent perſon, by them enabled to begge, a letter cōteynng the name of
ſuche impotent perſone, & witneſſyng that he is authoriſed to begge, & the
lymites, within whiche he is appoynted to begge. The ſame letter to be
ſealed with ſuch of the ſaid ſeales as ſhal be engraued with the names of the
limitte, wherin ſuche impotent perſon ſhal be appoynted to begge in, and to
be ſubſcribed with the name of one of the ſayde Juſtices or officers aboue
ſaid. And if any ſuche impotent perſon ſo authoriſed to begge, do begge in
any other place than within ſuche lymittes, that he ſhal be aſſigned vnto, &
then the Juſtices of peace Mayres Sheryffes baylyffes conſtables and
all other the kynges offycers and miniſters, ſhall by their diſcretions pu-
niſhe all ſuche perſones by impriſonement in the ſtockes by the ſpace of .ii.
dayes and .ii. nyghtes, gyuyng them but only breade and water, and after
that cauſe euery ſuche impotent perſone to be ſwozne to retourne ageyne
without delaye to the hundred rape wapentake citie bozoughe towne pa-
ryſhe or franchises, where they be authoriſed to begge in.

¶ And it is enacted, that no ſuche impotent perſon (as is abouesayd) after
the feaſte of the natiuitie of ſaynt Iohn Baptiſte nexte commynge: ſhall
begge within any parte of this realme, except he be authoriſed by wyting
vnder ſeale, as is abouesayde. And if any ſuche impotent perſone after the
ſayd feaſte of ſaynt Iohn be bagarant & go abeggyng, hauyng no ſuche
letter vnder ſeale, as is aboue ſpecified: that than the conſtables, and all
other inhabytantes, within ſuche towne or paryshe, where ſuche perſone
ſhall begge, ſhall cauſe euery ſuche begger to be taken and broughte to the
next Juſtyce of peace, or hygh conſtable of the hundred. And therbypon
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Shal appoynt to begge
impotent perſones for the moſt
greatest part to begge in
the limits of the hundred

On the first day of the month of
April
Impotent perſones beggyng in
the town of London
shall be assigned to the
next day of the month of
April

Impotent perſones beggyng
shall be assigned to the
next day of the month of
April
to suffer justice and
trials of the law

the sayde Justice of peace, or hygh constable, shall commaunde the sayde constables and other inhabytauntes of the towne or parryshe, which shall brynge before him any suche begger, that they shal strype him naked from the myddell vpwarde, & cause him to be whyped within the towne where he was taken, or within some other towne, where the same Justice or high constable shal appoynt: if it shal seme to the discretion of the said Justice of peace or high constable, that it be conuenient so to punyshe such begger to him brought: And if nat, than to commande suche begger to be set in the stocks in the same towne or parryshe, where he was taken, by the space of thre dayes & thre nyghtes there to haue only breade and water. And there vpon the sayde Justice or hygh constable, afoze whom suche begger shall be brought, shal limite to him a place to begge in, and giue to him a letter vnder seale in forme aboue remembred, and swere hym to departe and repayre thither immediatly after his punysshement to hym executed.

And be it farther enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that if any persone or persones, beyng hole and myghty in bodye, and able to labour/ at any tyme after the sayde feast of saynt Iohn be taken in beggynge in any part of this realme: or if any man or woman beyng hole and mighty in body, and able to labour, haupnge no lande, mayster, nor vsynge any laful mar chaundise crafte or mystry wherby he myght gette his lyuynge, after the same feast be vagrant, and can gyue no rekenynge howe he doth lefully get his lyuynge: that than it shalbe lefull to the constables and al other the kynges officers ministers and subiectes of euery towne parryshe and ham lette to arest the sayde vacaboundes and ydell persones, and them brynge to any of the Justices of peace of the same shyre or lybertie, or elles to the hygh constable of the hundrede rape or wapentake, within whiche suche persones shall be taken. And if he be taken within any citie or towne corporate: than to be broughte before the Mayre Sheriffes or baylyffes of euery suche towne corporate. And that euery suche Justice of peace hygh Constable Mayres Sheryffes and baylyffes by theyr discretions shall cause euery suche ydell person so to hym brought, to be hadde to the nexte market towne or other place, where the sayd Justices of peace hyghe constable Mayres baylyffes and other officers shall thynke moste conuenient by his or their discretions, and there to be tyed to the ende of a carte naked, and be beten with whypes throughe out the same market towne or other place, tyll his body be bloody by reason of suche whyping. And after such punysshment and whyping hadde, the person so punysshed by the discrecyon of the Justice of peace, hyghe Constable, Mayre, Sheryffes baylyffes and other officers, afoze whome suche person shall be broughte, shall be enioyned vppon his othe, to retourne forthewith withoute delaye in the nexte and streyghte waye to the place where he was borne, or where he laste dwelled before the same punysshment by the space of thre yeres, and there to putte hym selfe to labour lyke as a trewe man oweth to do.

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Give constables
some authority
to make passes

3 dayes & 3 nyghtes

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Strong beggars

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bring to the Justice of peace

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And after that done, euerye suche persone so punysshed and ordered shall haue a letter sealed with the seale of the hundrede rape wapentake cytie boroughe towne lybertie or fraunchyse, wherein he shall be punysshed, wytnessynge that he hath bene punysshed accordynge to this estatute, and conteynyng the daye and place of his punysshement, and the place wherunto he is lymitted to go: and by what tyme he is lymitted to come thither, within whiche tyme he maye lausfully begge by the waye, shewynge the same letter, and other wyle nat. And if he doo nat accomplyshe the order to hym appoynted by the sayd letter, than to be estsones taken and whypped, and so as often as any defaute shall be founde in him contrarie to the order of this estatute, in euery place to be taken and whypped, tyll he be repayzed where he was bozne, or where he last dwelled by the space of thre yeres, and there put his body to labour for his lyuyng, or other wyle truely gette his lyuing withoute beggynge, as longe as he is able so to do. And if the persone so whypped be an ydell person and no common begger, than after suche whyppynge he shall be kepte in the stockes tyll he hath founde suerite to go to seruyce, or els to labour, after the discrecion of the sayde Justyce of peace Mayres Sheryffes baylyffes hyghe constables, or other suche officers, afoze whome any suche ydell persone, beyng no comen begger, shall be brought, if by the discrecion of the same Justice of peace Mayre Sheryffe bayly hyghe Constable or other suche hede offycer it be so thought conuenient, and that the partie so punysshed be able to fynde suretie, or els to be ordered and sworne to repayze to the place where he was bozne, or where he laste dwelled by the space of thre yeres / and to haue lyke letter and suche further punysshement, if he estsones offende this estatute, as is aboue appoynted to and for the common stronge and able beggers, and so from tyme to tyme to be ordered and punysshed tyll he put his body to labour, or other wyle gette his lyuyng truly accordynge to the lawe. And that the Justices of the peace of euerye shyre tyddynge cytie towne and lybertie shall haue power and auctoritie within the limyttes of theyr commissions, to enqyre of all Mayres baylyffes constables and other officers and persons that shalbe neglygent in executynge of this acte.

¶ And if the constables and inhabitauntes within any towne or paryshe where any suche impotent person or stronge begger doth happen to begge contrarie to the fourme of this estatute, be negligent, and take nat euery suche impotent and stronge begger, that so shall begge agayne the fourme of this estate, and order and punyshe euery suche begger, as is aboue limited: that than the towneshipp or paryshe, where suche defaute shal be, shall lose and forsaite for euery suche impotent begger, that shall be suffered to begge within the said towneshipp or paryshe, not beinge taken ordered and punysshed, accordynge to the fourme of this estatute. iiii.s. iiii.d. and for euery stronge begger, that shall happen to begge within any suche towneshyppe or paryshe, nat beinge taken and ordered as is aboue limited

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And that all Justices of peace within anye shyre citie boroughe or lybertie shall have full power and auctoritie, as well to here and determine everye suche defaute by presentment as by suche bylle of information, and upon everye presentment afore them, and upon everye suche bylle of information to make processe by distresse ageyne the inhabytauntes of everye suche towne and paryshe, where any defaute shall be presented or supposed by anye suche information. By auctorite of whiche distresse the sheryffe or other officer, to whome by the lawe suche distresse shall be made, shall distreyn the goodes and cattelles of suche one or two of the sayde inhabitants, as he may have knowlege were most neglygent and in defaute in the execution of this acte, and the sayde distresse retayne tyll they fynde suertie to appere at the sessions lymitted in the sayde distresse. And in case they appere and confesse the defaute, or elles if they traaverse the presentment, and it be tryed agayne them by verdyte, or denye the enformacion, and it be proued ageyne them by sufficient witnes: than the sayd Justices of peace in theyr sessions shall have auctoritie to assesse the fynes as bene aboue lymitted after the rates aboue sayde, and to make processe for the leuenge of the same by distresse of the inhabytantes of suche townes or paryshes, where suche defaute shall be tried or proued. And that everye suche fyne, if it growe by presentment, to be onely to the kynges vse. And if it growe by information: than the moytie therof to be to him that pursueth the information for the same, & the other moytie therof to the kinges vse, as is aforesayde. And if anye suche person or persons distreined appere nat at the day & place conteyned in suche distresse, then upon the returne of the sheryffe or other officer, to whom the distresse was deliuered to execute that suche persone or persons were distreined: then everye suche person or persones so distreined at the fyrst distresse shal lose. xl. d. and at the seconde vi. s. viii. d. and so to be doubled upon everye distresse in suche cases to be awarded, tyll apparance may be had by one of the inhabytantes of suche towne or paryshe to denye traaverse or confesse the presentment or information exhibyted ageyne anye suche towne or paryshe: to the entente that upon trial or profe therof the fynes aboue limited may be assessed & leuied of the inhabitantes of everye suche towne or paryshe as is aboue reherfed. And be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that scholars of the vniuersities of Oxforde and Cambrydge, that go about beggyng, nat beinge authorized vnder the seale of the sayde vniuersities by the commysstarie Chancellour or bychauncellour of the same, and all and synghuler hyppmen, pretendinge losses of theyr hyppes and goodes of the see, goinge aboute

aboute the countrey beggynge without sufficient auctorite, witnessinge the same: shall be punished and ordered in maner and fourme as is above rehearsed of stronge beggers. And that all proctours and pardoners goynge aboute in any contrey or countreys, without sufficient auctoritie, and al other ydell persones goynge aboute in any countrey, or abydyng in any citie bozoughe or towne, some of them vsynge dyuers and subtyll craftye and vnlauffull games and playes, and some of them seynnyng them selves to haue knowlege in physyke phisnamye palmestrye or other craftye sciences, wherby they beare the people in hande, that they can tell theyr destinyes deceases and fortunes, and suche other lyke fantastycall ymaginacions, to the great disceyte of the kynges subiectes: shall vpon examynacion had befoze two Iustices of peace, wherof the one shalbe of the Quorum, if he by prouable witnesse be founde gyltie of any suche deceytes / be punished by whyppanyng at two dayes to gether after the maner befoze rehearsed: And if he esteemes offende in the sayde offence or any lyke offence: then to be scourged. ii. dayes, and the thyrde daye to be putte vpon the pylloze from. ix. of the clocke tyll a. xi. befoze noone of the same day, and to haue one of his eares cutte of. And yf he offende the thyrde tyme: to haue lyke punishment with whyppanyng, stondynge on the pylloze, and to haue his other eare cutte of. And that Iustices of the peace haue lyke auctoritie in euery lybertie and franchise within theyr shyres, where they be Iustices of peace, for the execution of this acte in euery parte therof, as they shall haue without the lybertie or franchise.

Also it is further enacted, that this acte shal yerely be redde in the open sessions, to thentent that the sayd estatute shall be the moze feared and the better put in execution.

And further moze be it enacted, that if any persone or persones at any tyme hereafter gyue any herborowe moneye or lodgynge to any beggers, beinge stronge and able in theyr bodyes to worke / whiche order theym selves contrary to the fourme of this estatute: that euery suche persone so doyng, beinge sufficiently proued or presented afoze any Iustice of peace shall make suche fyne to the kyng, as by the discretion of the sayde Iustices of peace at theyr generall sessions shalbe assessed. And if any person or persones do disturbe or lette the execution of this acte in anye maner wyse or make rescous agayne any Mayre Sheryffe baylyffe or other plone that shal endeuour him selfe for the due execution therof: it is than enacted, that euery suche person & persons, for euery suche offence doinge, shall lose and forfet. C. s. and ouer that to haue imprisonment at the kynges will. The one halfe of which forfayture if suche offence be comitted in any citie or towne corporate to be to the mayre sheryffe baylyffe or other heed officers of suche citie or towne corporate, where any such offence shall be done, to the vse of the comunaltie of euery suche citie or towne corporate. And if it be comitted out of a cytie or towne corporate, than the sayde one halfe to be to the

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lozde of the lete oꝝ lawe daye, where suche offence shall be done, and the other halfe of euerye suche forſaypture to be to the kynge our ſoueraigne lozde. For the whiche forſaypture of. v.li. recouery ſhall be had by action of Dette bylle playnte oꝝ information in any of the kynges courtes: in whiche ſutes the defendantes ſhall not wage theyꝝ lawe, noꝝ haue any eſſoyne oꝝ protection allowed.

Whouped alway that this acte noꝝ any thyng therin conteyned / ſhall be hurtfull oꝝ pꝛejudiciall to the barons oꝝ other inhabytantes of the ſyue portes oꝝ of theyꝝ membꝛes: neither to any grāt libertie oꝝ franchise heretofore made by the kynge our ſoueraigne lozde / oꝝ any his pꝛogenitours kynges of Englande, to the ſaid barons oꝝ other inhabytantes their auncestours pꝛedecessours oꝝ to any of them. And that it be enacted by auctoritie of this preſent pliament, that al & euery Maire and maires, and bailly & baillyffes, electife and elected by the cōmons and inhabytantes of euery towne and place of the ſayd portes and membꝛes, & alſo iurates of euery of the ſayd townes and places of the ſaid portes and membꝛes ſhal haue like auctorite within euery ſuche towne & place / where they oꝝ any of them be oꝝ ſhall be Maire baylyffe oꝝ iurate, to put oꝝ cauſe to be putte this acte in due execution, as the Juſtices of pece in any countie of this realme haue oꝝ ſhall haue auctoritie and power by this acte to do, where they be Juſtices. And that the inhabytantes within euery towne within the ſaid portes ſhal be bounden to the execution of this act lyke as other inhabytantes be without the ſaid portes, vpon lyke peyne as is aboue remembꝛed. And if any pſon oꝝ pſons whiche ſhall inhabyte within the ſayd. v. portes oꝝ membꝛes, be he impotent oꝝ other ydell perſon, do hereafter begge without the ſayde ſyue portes oꝝ membꝛes of the ſame, contrary to this acte, that than euery ſuche perſone ſhall be oꝛdꝛed and punyſhed accoꝛdyng to this acte, any thyng in this Wꝛoupoſo to the contrary nat withſtandynge.

And hit is oꝛdeyned and enacted, that the ſeales aboue reherſed ſhal be made at the coſtes and charges of the Juſtyces of peace Mayres Sherpyffes baylyffes and other officers aboue wꝛytten, on this ſyde the feaſt of the Natiuitie of ſaynt John Baptiſt nexte comynge, that is to ſay, that euerye of them ſhall do the ſayde ſeales to be made within the lymittes of their diuiſion iuriſdiction and auctorities.

And it is alſo oꝛdeyned and enacted, that euery letter to be made by the auctoritie of this act, wherby any impotent begger ſhalbe auctorized and aſſigned to begge, ſhall be made in this forme enſuyng.

Kanc. ſt. **M**emorandum that A. B. of Dale, for reſonable conſiderations is lycenced to begge within the hundꝛede of D. K. and L. in the ſaid countie. Gyuen vnder the ſeale of that lymytte Tali die et Anno.

And that euery ſuche letter that ſhall be made and deliuered to ſuche begger oꝝ vacabounde, after he hath be whypꝑed by auctoritie of this act, ſhall be made in this wyſe folowynge.

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Kent. R. C. J. S. whpypped for a bagarant stronge begger at Dale in the sayd countie accordyng to the lawe, the. xxi. day of July, in the. xxi. yere of kyng Henry the. viii. was assigned to passe forthwith and directly from thens to Sale in the countie of Midd, where he saith he was bozne, or where he last dwelled by the tyme of. iii. yeres. And he is lymitted to be there within. xiiii. dayes nexte ensuing at his parcell, or within suche nombre of dayes as to hym shalbe lymitted by the discretion of the maker of the sayde letter. In wytnesse wherof the seale of the lymytte of the sayde place of his punysshement herevnto is sette.

And it is enacted that euerye suche letter shall be made at the equalle costes of suche the sayde Justices Mayres Sheryffes Bayliffes or other offycers, within whose iurisdiction powers and auctorities the sayde begger or vacabounde shall be whpypped or lymitted to begge in by auctoritie of this acte. And euerye suche letter shall be subscribed with the hande of one of the sayde Justices Mayres Sheryffes bayliffes or other officers in this forme folowynge: Per me A. B. unum Justiciarium pacis, or maiorem ciuitatis, or balliū ville, or constabularium talis hundredi, or els in lyke forme in englyshe.

And it is further enacted, that euerye suche person and persons as haue the custody of any Gayles within anye shyre citie boroughe or towne corporate, on this syde the sayde feast of saynt Iohn the Baptyste shall doo make a seale engraue with the name of the castell pryson or Gayle whiche he kepeth. And in case any pson or persons, that at any tyme after the sayd feast of saynte Iohn shall be delyuerd out of any Gayle or pryson for suspicious of felony by proclamation, or be acquitte of any felonpe / and hath no frendes to pay his fees, nor was bozne within the hundred or place where he shall happen to be so delyuered / nor can gette hym no maister there to abyde and worke with : shall haue libertie to begge for his fees by the lycence of his keper, by the space of. vi. wekes nexte after suche delyuerance, and after that to be compelled to go to the hundred, where he was bozne or last dwelled by the space of. iii. yeres, within suche tyme as shall be lymitted by one of the Justices of peace Mayres Sheryffes bayliffes or any officers, where suche delyuerance shall be had.

And hit is enacted / that euerye suche persone soo delyueredde shall haue a letter made to hym by the clerke of the peace of the shyre / within the whyche he was delyueredde / if he be delyueredde in the shyre : and if he be delyueredde in anye cytie boroughe or towne corporate / than he to haue a letter of the common clerke of euerye suche citie boroughe or towne, where he is delyuered : euerye suche letter wytnessynge the daye of his delyuerance, and the place where he was delyuered, and afoze whom, and the tyme appoynted to hym to begge for his fees, and the place, to the whiche he shall be assigned to repayze vnto, in case he can gette no maister to fall

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to fall to worke where he was deliuered. And to euery suche letter the said Gaylour or keper of prision, out of the whiche suche persone shalbe deliuered: shall put the seale lyMITTED to be made as is aforesayde for the said prision. And that euery suche letter shall be made in this wyse folowynge. **E**ller. II. The. xx. day of July, Anno regni regis Henrici. viii. xlii. J. S. was deliuered for felony out of the Gayle of D. in the sayd countie, at the sessions holden afoze A. B. and his felowes at Sale, the day and yere afoze sayd, and is alowed to begge for his fees by the space of. vi. wekes. And in case he can get hym no mayster to worke within the sayd terme: than he is assigned to passe directly to D. in the countie of Kent, where he saythe he was bozne, or laste dwelled by the space of. iiii. yeres. And he is allowed xlii. dayes next after the sayde. vi. wekes for his passage thither, or suche nombze of daies as to hym shalbe limited by the discretion of the maker of the said letter. In witnesse wherof the seale of the prision, from the whiche he was deliuered, therunto is sette. And in suche shyres, where there is no Gayle, the sheryffe therof (for the tyme beinge) shall cause a seale to be engraued with the name of the shyre, & shall order and vse the same seale to & for suche persons deliuered as is afoze said, after like maner & forme as the Gayler or keper of the Gayle is lyMITTED and appointed to do by this acte. **A**nd it is also enacted, that euery clerke of the peace of the shire, within the whiche suche person shall be deliuered, & euery common clerke of euery cytie borough or towne corporate, within the whiche any suche persone shalbe deliuered shall make for euery suche persone as shalbe so deliuered, where they be such officers, the said letter in forme aboue said, without any fee takynge for the same, & shall deliuer euery suche letter to the Gaylour or keper of the prision, from the whiche suche person shall be deliuered. And if there be no Gayle there, then to the sheryffe of the shyre where suche deliuerance shall be hadde, within one daye next after the ende of the sessions, where any suche deliuerance is had, vppon payne to lose and forsayte for defaute of euery letter. xli. d. to the kyng our souerayne lord. And that the Gaylour or keper of the prision, from the whiche the sayd person shall be so deliuered, and in case there be no Gayle, than the sheryffe of the shire where any suche deliuerance shalbe had: shall nat suffre any suche persone to go abrode to begge for his fees, nor departe out of prision, excepte it be to seruyce or labour, vnlesse the same gaylour or sheryffe first deliuer to the sayd persone the sayde letter, conteynynge his name sealed with the seale of the prision, from the whiche he shalbe deliuered, or els with the seale engraued with the name of the shyre, if there be no prision, vpon payne for euery defaute to lose. xli. d. to our sayde souerayne lord.

And it is enacted, that if any persone or persones so beyng deliuered out of prision at any tyme after the said feast do begge, nat hauing the said letter sealed in fourme aboue sayd, or begge contrary to the tenour of the same letter: that than he shall be taken ordered and whynned in euery behalfe,

halfe, lyke as is aboue appointed for stronge beggers. And that to be done and executed by suche as be aboue lymitted to do the same vpon stronge beggers and in suche wyse and vpon suche payne as is afoze lymitted for none execution of the punishment of stronge beggers.

¶ Couyded alwaye that it be lefull to euery persone and persones beinge bounden by reason of any foundation or ordynance to gyue or distribute any money in almes, and also to euery persone and persones at common dooles bled at buryals or obytes: to gyue & dispose in almes any money to euery pson and persons coming to suche almes or dooles, after like maner & forme as they haue be accustomed to do in that behalfe afoze the making of this acte, without any daunger or penaltie of this estatute, any thyng conteyned in this present estatute to the contrary herof nat withstanding.

¶ Couyded also that it be leful to al maysters and gouernours of hospytals to lodge and herbozough any persone or persons of charitie or almes accor dyng to the fundacion of suche hospitalles/ and to gyue money in almes in as large maner and forme as they are bounden or owen to do, any thyng in this estatute to the contrary herof nat withstandinge. And this acte to endure vnto the laste daye of the next parliament.

¶ An acte concernynge that no person or persons straungers, being a common baker, bzuer, surgeon, or scriuener, shall be expounded hande craftes men. xiii.



Where dyuers estatutes penall heretofore haue ben made ageine straungers artificers for exercysing of hady craftes within this realme, & for keping of houses apprentises & seruauntes estrangers, as by the sayd seuerall estatutes more playnely is reherfed, Sythen the making wherof, bere bzuers and bakers, which ben comon vitellers, and also surgens and scriueners being straungers, inhabited and dwellinge within this realme, haue ben put to trouble and great verra upon by occasion of informations broughte agayne them vpon the sayde estatutes, supposinge that straungers vsynge bakynge bzuyng surgerye or wyptyng shulde be hande craftes men: vpon the whiche information great doubttes and ambiguities haue rysen, whether straungers vsynge any of the sayde mysteries or sciences shulde be vnderstande suche hande craftes men as were entended by any the sayd estatutes. For playne declaration wherof hit is enacted by the kynge our soueraygne lord, and the lordes spirituall & tempozall and the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by auctoritie of the same, that no person or psons straungers beinge a common baker bzuer surgeon or scriuener shalbe enterpze or expounded hande craftes men, in for or by reason of vsynge any of the sayde mysteries or sciences of bakynge bzuyng surgerye or wyptyng: And that all

all informations lutes actions and proces had taken o2 here after to be taken vpon any of the sayde estatutes agayne any such straunger o2 straungers, beinge bakers bzuers surgeons o2 scriueners shall be by auctozitie of this p2esent acte voyde and of none effecte.

An acte concernynge howe persons committing pety treson murder o2 felonye shall abiure. xiiii.



The kyng our soueraygne lord consideringe that many of his subiectes heretofore for they2 offences & merites haue ben put to execution of dethe by the lawes of this realme: and many other committynge lyke offences for tuicion of they2 lyues, haue fledde and resorted to churches and other halowed places within this realme, and there beinge haue abiured the realme befoze the kynges Cozoners of the same: Dyuers of whiche men (so abiurynge) haue bene knownen to be very expert mariners, & many other haue ben sene to be very able and apte men for the warres and for defence of this realme, so that by the one meane and the other the strengthe and power of this realme is greatly minished. And dyuers of the sayd persons, which heretofore haue abiured this realme, beinge by reason of they2 abiurations in outwarde realmes & countreys, haue nat only p2ocured many men of the same to the exercyse and p2actise of archerie, and haue instructed them in the feate and knowlege therof, to the great encrease and fortificatyons of the same outwarde realmes and countreyes: but also the same abiured persones haue disclosed their knowleges of the comodities and secretes of this realme, to no lytell damage and p2euidice of the same. The kynges highnes therfore dayly studienge and deuysynge to prouyde for the safegarde of this his realme and of his subiectes, Al be it they be transgressours of his lawes, so that the incomodities ensuyng vpon suche abiurations to be p2eserued to the beste effecte as ferre as shall please god to gyue them grace, hathe ordeyned and enacted by auctozitie of this p2esent parlyament, that if any persone hereafter flee o2 resorte to any paryshe chutche Cimitorie o2 other lyke halowed place for tution of his lyfe, by occasyon of any murder robbery o2 other felonye by the same person committed, and ther vpon confesse any murder felonye o2 other offence befoze a cozoner, wherfoze the same persone by the lawes of this realme heretofore v2led shulde abiure and passe out of the same, The same persone ther vpon shall abiure frome all his lybertie of this realme, and from his lyberalle and free habitations resortes and passages to and from the vniuersall places of this realme, whiche apperteyne to the libertie of the kynges subiectes vndefamed, And shal forthwith be directed by the cozoner, takynge and reco2dyng such abiuration, to any one seyntuarie beinge within this realme, whiche the same persone w2ll

wpll electe and chose, there to remayne as a seyntuarie persone abiured,
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 iuration so to do, And to be burned in the hande accoꝝdinge to the statute
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 shulde haue ben, in case he shulde haue abiured this realme foꝝ any mur-
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 he was assigned, and be taken without the same seyntuarie, not hauynge
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 abiured, and after abiuration taken without seyntuarie, wherunto he was
 assigned, shall suffre suche lyke peyne of dethe / and after lyke maner be
 oꝝdered, as he shuld haue done and ben, in case he had abiured this realme
 foꝝ murder oꝝ felonye, and after such abiuration had retourned agayn in to
 this realme contrarie to the lawes of this lande. ¶ And furthermoze it is
 enacted, that if any suche seyntuarie persone so abiured, oꝝ any other per-
 son oꝝ persons, whiche nowe be oꝝ is, oꝝ hereafter shal happen to be in any
 seyntuarie of this realme foꝝ doynge any petye treason murder oꝝ felonye /
 oꝝ foꝝ beinge accessorie to any suche offences: oꝝ if any person oꝝ persons,
 whiche at any tyme hereafter shal take any seyntuarie of this realme foꝝ
 doynge any petye treason murder oꝝ felonye, oꝝ foꝝ beinge accessorie to
 any suche offences, oꝝ vpon abiuration, and so beyng in sentuarie foꝝ oꝝ
 vpon any suche cause matter oꝝ offence, afterwarde commytte oꝝ doo any
 petye treason murder oꝝ felonye within the same seyntuarie, oꝝ be acces-
 sorye to anye suche offences: Oꝝ go out of the same seyntuarie and com-
 mytte any petye treason murder oꝝ felonye, oꝝ be accessorye to any suche
 offences, and after comme ageyne to the same seyntuarie, oꝝ take any o-
 ther seyntuarie foꝝ the same: euerye suche persone and persones beyng en-
 dited foꝝ any of the sayde causes oꝝ offences shal lose the pꝛiuelege of the
 same seyntuarie by hym taken, and of euery other seyntuarie within this
 realme foꝝ any suche cause of petye treason murder felonye oꝝ abiuration,
 and foꝝ any accessorye to any suche offences. And that it shal be lefull to all
 and singuler Justices of peace, and the hyghe Sheryffe of the countie oꝝ
 other place, where the seyntuarie is, and to al and singuler Mayres She-
 rryffes and bailiffes of cities and townes corpoꝝrate, where suche sentuarie
 is, and to euerye of them, and to the seruantes mynisters and officers, oꝝ
 any oꝝ euery of the same Justices of peace Sheryffes Mayres and bailies,
 in their pꝛesence to take out of the same seyntuarie oꝝ seyntuaries all and
 euerye suche seyntuarie persone oꝝ persons so offendynge as is afozelayde, &
 beinge endited of the same, and to commytte oꝝ put hym oꝝ them into the
 kynges Gaole within the shyre oꝝ lybertie, where any suche inditement is
 founde agaynste any suche person, sauely to be kept tyll they shal be of the
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same petty treason murder or felony or of the accessory to any such offences, wherof they shall happen to be indicted convicted atteynted or discharged by the lawe. And if any person or persons, which shalbe indicted of any petty treason murder or felony, or of any accessory to any suche offence, happen hereafter to be taken out of any seintuarie for the same by auctorite of this estatute, & vpon his or theyr araynement plede seyntuarie, accordynge to the order of the lawe: than hit is enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that as well the kynge's attourney as every other persone for the kynge shall be admitted to objecte and allege, that the person so arrayned afore the doing of the offence or offences, wher of he than is arrayned, did take priuilege of seyntuarie in the same seintuary / wherof he allegeth hym to be taken out, or in any other place priuiledged within this realme vpon any abiuration, or for any other petty treason murder or felonye, than wherof he is arrayned, and that he there had and enioyed priuilege of seintuary for the same, and that he so haupnge ones priuilege of seyntuarie in the same, dyd committe the offence of petty treason murder or felonye, wherof he than is arrayned: Or that he wente out of the sayd seintuary, and committed the same offence, wherof he is indicted and arrayned, and pray that suche persone so arrayned may be excluded of restitution to the seyntuarie by hym demaunded. And in case the sayde plee and obiection, so alleged, be denied by the persone so arrayned, than it is further enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that it shall be forthewith tried afore the same Justices, where suche persone is so arrayned, and by the same iurours of the same countie, that shall trie the petty treason murder or felony, wherof he is arrayned, without further delaye, in what so euer countie or counties, place or places of this realme the same other takynge of seyntuarie shalbe alleged or objected to be done or had. And if the plee so objected ageynst the sayde persone arrayned, be tried ageinst hym by verdict of. xii. me or by his owne confession, and also it be founde by verdict of. xii. men or by his owne confession, accordynge to the order of the lawe, that he is gyltie of the petty treason, murder or felony, or of any accessory to any suche offence, wherof he is so arrayned: that than lyke iugement and execution shall be gyuen and done vpon every suche persone as though he had be no seyntuarie persone, nor had claymed or required the priuilege of the same. And if any suche persone be lawfully acquitted of the petty treason murder or felonye, wherof he shall be so indicted and arrayned, than he shall be restozed to the same seintuarie, out of the whiche he was taken, there to haue the priuilege of the same, in lyke maner as he had befoze.

¶ Prouyded alway, that if any persone beinge or abydyng in any seyntuarie, as a seyntuarie persone, hereafter shall happen to be indyted for any maner of felony supposed to be committed by hym or her goynge out of the same or any other seyntuarie, and committinge the same felony whyles that he or she so was a seyntuarie persone, he or she so beinge indicted any
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suche felony supposed to be done without the seintuarie, shall not be taken out of the seyntuarie wherein the same person shall than be resident, before that he or she be examyned therof by two of the kynges most honourable counsel, or by foure Justices of peace of the shire, where the seintuarie is, wherein the person so endited is resident. And if the same person so endited within foure dayes after the fyrst examination do make suche pꝛoue as the sayde examyners by theyr discretions shall thynke sufficient, that the same persone was in the seyntuarie at the tyme of the sayd felony comytted: than he or she makynge suche pꝛofe shalbe suffred to remayne and be in the same seyntuarie without any extraction from the same, the sayde enditement or any thyng in this acte aboue wꝛyten nat withstandynge.

¶ Pꝛouyded also that if any person whiche was at any tyme a seyntuarie persone for any petye treason murder or felony opteyne and haue the kynges perdon, and therby or otherwyle be at large and out of seintuary discharged or purged of that offence or cause, wherfoze the same person toke seyntuary, and afterwarde do comitte other petye treason felony or manslaughter by chaunce medlye / and nat murder af malyce pꝛepensed, & therupon agayne take seyntuarie for any suche petie treason felony or manslaughter by chaunce medly: the same person shall haue and enioye the pꝛi uilege of seyntuarie for that his or her other offence of petye treason felony or manslaughter by chaunce medly, as the same person mought haue had before the makynge of this acte, any thyng in the same acte conteyned nat withstandynge.

¶ And ouer this for moze spedy trials of murders & felonys be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that all maner of foreyne plees triable by the countrey hereafter to be pleded by any persone or persons arrayned bpon any enditement for any petye treason murder or felony shall be forthwith tryed before the same Justices, afoze whom suche persons shal be arrayned, and by the same iurours of the same countie that shal trye the petye treason murder or felony, wherof he shall so be arrayned, withoute any further respite or delay, in what so euer countie or counties, place or places of this realme the matter of the same plees be supposed or alleged. And that no persone arrayned for any petye treason murder or felony be from hensforth admitted to any peremptorie chalenge aboue the nombꝛe of. xx. This acte to endure to the ende of the nexte parlyament.

¶ Pꝛouyded alwayes that no persone or persones be hereafter excluded or in any wyle hurted to haue and enioye any pꝛi uilege of seyntuarie for any offence or offences, beyng of anye hyper nature in the lawe, than the offences and causes specyfied in this acte be: but that euery person & pꝛions for suche offences of hyper nature may haue and enioy pꝛi uiledge of seyntuarie in as free and liberall maner & after suche forme as they mought haue do by the lawes and customes of the realme afoze the makynge of this acte, any thyng in this acte to the contrary herof not withstandynge.

An acte concernyng the kynges generall pardon for
his spirituall subiectes. rb.



The kyng our soueraygne lord callinge to his blessed
and mooste gracious remembraunce / that his good
and lounge subiectes the mooste reuerende father in
god the archebysshoppe of Canturberye and other bys-
shoppes suffraganes prelates and other spirituall per-
sones of the prouince of the archebysshoppe of Can-
turbery of this his realme of Englande & the minysters
vnder wyrtten, whiche haue exercysed practised or executed in spirituelle
courtes and other spirituall iurisdiccions within the sayd prouince, haue
fallen and incurred into dyuers daungers of his lawes by thinges done
perpetrated and comitted contrary to the order of his lawes, & specially co-
trary to the forme of the statutes of prouisoirs prouisions & Remunire,
and his hyghnes hauynge alway tender eye with mercy pity & compassion
toward his sayde spirituall subiectes, myndynge of his hyghe goodnesse
and great benignite so alwayes to imparte the same vnto them, as Justice
being dayly administred, all rygour be excluded, and the great and beneuo-
lent myndes of his sayde subiectes largely and many tymes approued to-
warde his hyghnes, and specyally in theyr conuocation and synode nowe
presently beyng in the chapter house of the monasterie of westmyster by
corespondence of gratitude to them to be requited : of his mere mocion
benygntie and lyberalitie by auctoritie of this his parlyament hath gyuen
and graunted his lyberall and free pardon to his sayde good and lounge
spirituall subiectes, and the sayde ministers and to euery of them, to be had
taken and enioyed to and by them and euerye of theym by vertue of this
present acte in maner and fourme ensuyng, that is to witte : The kynges
hyghnes of his sayde benignite and high liberalytie, in consideration that
the sayd archebysshop byshops and clergie of the sayde prouince of Can-
turbery in their sayd conuocation nowe beinge haue gyuen and graunted
to hym a subsidie of one hundreth thousande poundes of lafull moneye
currant in this realme to be leuyed and collected by the sayde clergie at
theyr propre costes and charges, and to be payde in certayne fourme spe-
cified in theyr sayd graunt therof : is fullpe and resolutely contented and
pleased, that hit be ordeyned establyshed and enacted by auctoritie of
this his sayde parlyament, that the mooste reuerende father in god wyl-
yam archebysshoppe of Canturberye metropolytane and primate of all
Englande, and all other byshoppes and suffraganes prelates abbottes/
prioours and theyr conuentes and euery person of the same conuentes, and
conuentes corparate and euery persone of the same conuentes corparate,
abbesses prioresses and religious nunnes and al other religious and spiri-
tuall persones deanes and chapters and other dignities of cathedrale
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and collegiall churches prebendaries canons and petye canons bycars and clerkes of the same and euerye personne of the same, all archdeacons maysters prouostes presidentes wardynes of colleges and of collegiate churches, maysters and wardens of hospytalles, all felowes betherne scholars pristes and spirituall conductes and euerye of the same / and all bycars generall of diocesis chauncellours commysaries officials and Deanes rurales, and all ministers hereafter generally reherced of any spirituall courte or courtes within the sayde prouince of Canturbery, that is to saye, all iuges aduocates registers and scribes proctours constituted to iudgementes and apparitours, and all other whiche within the sayde prouince of the archbylshoppe of Canturbery at any tyme heretofore haue admynistred exercysed practysed or executed in any iurisdiccions within the sayd prouince, as officers and ministers of the sayde courtes, or haue bene ministers or executers to the exercise or administration of the same, and al and singuler polytike bodys spiritual in any maner wyse corporated, and all persones bycars curates chauntrye pristes stipendiaries and all and euerye persone and persones spiritual of the clergie of the sayd prouince of Canturbery in this present acte of pardon hereafter nat excepted or to the contrary nat prouided for, by what so euer name or surname, name of dignite preeminence or office they or any of the be or is named or called, the successours heyes executours and administratours of them & of euery of them shall be by auctoritie of this present pardon acquitted pardoned released and discharged ageynste his hyghnesse his heyes successours and executours and euery of them of all and all maner offences contemp-tes and trespasses commytted or done ageynst all and singular statute and statutes of prouisours prouisions and Premeunre and euerye of them, and of all forfaytures & titles that may growe to the kynges hyghnes by reason of anye of the same statutes, and of all and singular trespasses wronges deceptes mysdemeanours forfaytures penalties, and profyttes sommes of moneye peynes of deathe peynes corporall and pecunyar, as generally of all other thynges causes quarelles suites iudgementes and executions in this present act hereafter nat excepted nor forpyssed, whiche may be or can be by his hyghnes in any wyse or by any meanes pardoned befoze and to the tenth daye of the moneth of Marche, in the .xxii. yere of his moste noble reygne to euery of his sayde lounge subiectes, that is to saye, to the sayde archebylshoppe and other the sayde bylshoppes suffraganes prelates abbottes priours and conuentes, and euerye persone of the same conuentes and conuentes corporate and euery person of the same conuentes corporate, abbesses prioresses nunnes and spirituelle persones in dignitie, and all other religious and spyrituall persones deanes chapters prebendaries canons petye canons bycars chozalles and clerkes archdeacons maysters prouostes presidentes wardynes felowes betherne scholars pristes and spirituall conductes, Chauncellours bycars

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generall of diocesis commysaries, officys, deanes rurales, all iudges aduocates registers and scribes, proctours and apparitours, which haue administred practysed or executed any iurisdiction in any spirituall courte within the sayde prouynce, and to the sayd politike bodies spirituall persones bycars curates chantry priestes stipendiaries, and to all and euery person and persones spirituall of the clergie of the sayde prouynce, and to all and euery other person or persons befoze named.

¶ Also the kynges highnes is contented, that it be enacted by auctorite of this present parlyament, that this sayde free pardon shall be as good and effectuell in the lawe to euery of his sayd spirituall subiectes of the sayde prouynce, and to euery of them, and to the sayde ministers and euery of them, and to al and euery of the sayd bodies corporate, and other persons befoze named, & to euery of them, by these general wordes befoze reherled, in all thyng, whiche be nat hereafter in this present acte excepted: as the sayde perdon shulde haue ben, if all offences contemptes and forfaytures causes matters suites quarelles iudgements executions penaltys, and all other thynges nat hereafter excepted, had ben particularly synghularly & playnly pdoned named reherled and specified by propre or expresse wordes and names in their kyndes natures and qualities in wordes and temers therunto requisite in the sayd perdon. And that his sayd subiectes hereafter nat excepted nor any of them, their sayde ministers successours heires executours nor administratours of any of them, nor any of them/ nor any of the sayde bodies corporate, be nor shall be sued vexed nor inquieted in theyr bodies goodes landes nor cattels for any maner matter cause contempte mysdemeanour forfayture trespass offence or any other thyng suffred done or comytted befoze the sayde tenth day of Marche agynste the kynges hyghnes his crowne prerogatiue lawes statutes or dignitie, but onely for suche causes matters and offences as be specially and playnely reherled in the exceptions forpyses and prouisions in this present pardon hereafter mencioned and for none other, any statute or statutes lawes customes use or president heretofore made or used to the contrary in any wyse natwithstandynge.

¶ Also the kynges hyghnes of his bountious liberalite by auctoritie of this present parlyament graunteth and frely gyueth vnto his sayde spirituall subiectes and theyr sayde mynysters, that is to saye the sayde archebysshoppe and all other the sayde bysshoppes suffreganes prelates abbottes priours conuentes abbesles priouesses nunnes and spyrituall persones in dignitie and all other religyous and spirituall persons, deanes chapters prebendaries canons petre canons bycars chozalles and clerkes, archdeacons maysters prouostes presidentes wardynes fellows bretherne scholers priestes spirituall conductes Chauncellours bycars generall of diocesis commysaryes officials deanes rurales iudges aduocates registers scribes proctours and apparitours, bodies corporate

rate and politike bodyes spirituall persons bycars curates chauntrye
 priestes stipendiaries and to all other persons spirituall men and women
 of the clergie or spiritualtie of the sayd prouynce and to euery of them / all
 suche goodes catalles fynes issues profettes amerciamentes forfaytures
 and somes of money by any of them forfayted, which to his highnes do or
 shulde belonge or appertayne by reason of any offence contempte mysde-
 meynour trespasse matter cause or quarell suffred done or commytted by
 them or any of them befoze the sayd tenth daye of Marche / whiche be nat
 hereafter specially and playnly forpysed and excepted in this present acte
 of pardon. And that al and euery of the sayd spirituall subiectes and their
 sayd ministers, and all and euery of the sayd bodyes corporate & other per-
 sones befoze named, may by hym selfe or his or theyr attornei or attour-
 neis, accorpyng to the lawes of this realme, plede & minyster this present
 acte & free pardon for his or theyr discharge of and for euery thyng that is
 therby pdoned, without any fee or other thing therfoze in any wise payeng
 to any persone or persones for pledyng wrytyng or entre of iudgemente
 or for any other cause concernyng the same, but onely .xii. d. to the clerke
 that shall entre the plee matter or iudgement for his or theyr discharge in
 that behalfe: any statute or vse to the contrary nat withstandyng.

¶ And furthermoze the kingis highnes is contented, that it be enacted by
 auctoritie of this present parlyament that his sayd fre pardon in al maner
 courtes of his lawes, and els where, shal be reputed demed iuged allowed
 and taken as well in the wordes and clauses of the exceptions & forpyses
 specified in this present pardon and acte, as in all and singuler the other
 clauses wordes and sentences mencioned & rehersed in the sayd free pdon,
 mozte beneficially and auaylably to all and syngular his sayde subiectes
 and to euery of the sayd bodyes corporate and polytike bodies spirituall,
 and to euery person spirituall of the sayd clergie and spiritualtie, and to
 their sayde ministers and officers and to all other persons afore named/
 and to euery of them, and to the successours heires executours and my-
 nistratours of euery of them, and mozte strongly in barre and discharge
 ageynst his hyghnes his heires successours & executours in euery thyng
 without obstacle chalenge or other delaye what so euer it be, to be made,
 pleded obiected or alleged by the kynge our soueraygne lord, his heires
 successours or executours or by his or any of their generall attourneie or
 attourneys, or by any other persone or persons for his hyghnes or any of
 his heires successours or executours.

¶ And furthermoze it is enacted by the kynge our souerayne lord, and by
 auctorite of this present pliament, that if any officer or clerke of any of his
 high courtes comonly called the kynges bench Chancery & comen place
 or of his eschequer, or any other officer or clerke of any other of his courtis
 within this realme, after the feast of Ester next comyng, make out or wryte
 out any maner of wryttes or other procelle, or any extractes or other pre-

ceptes, whereby any persone or persones of his sayd subiectes or any of the sayde bodyes corporate or politike bodyes spirituall or any of them, shalbe in any wyse arrested attached distreyned sommoned or other wyse vexed troubled or greued in his or theyr bodyes landes tenementes goodes or cattelles or in any of them for or bicause of any maner of thyng acquitted / pdoned released or discharged by this present acte of free pdon, he so offending & therof lafully condempned, shall yelde & paye for recōpence therof to the partte so greued or offended treble damages, accompted as parcel of those damages all costes of the sute. And neuerthelesse all & singular such writtes procelle extractes and preceptes after the sayde feast of Ester to be made for or vpon any maner thyng acquitted pdoned released or discharged by this present acte of free pdon, shalbe vtterly vayne & of none effect.

Excepted alwayes & forpyled out of this pardon al maner of high treasons, all prepenes & volūtary murders, al roberies of churches & roberies done vpon or to mennes psons, all other felonies & roberies by the comen lawe, of felonous takynge of money goodes and cattales aboue the value of .xx.s. al felonous brenning of houses, al carnall rauishementes of women, all rasynge of recordes, all vtlaties of high treasons, & of all maner of felonies other than felonies to the sayde value of .xx.s. or vnder y some. And that all other outlawries had promulged vpon or agaynst any of the kynges sayde subiectes for any cause not beyng treason murder or felonye aboue the sayd some of .xx.s. to be pardoned by the general wordes of this pardon aforesayd: so alway that the same sayd subiectes and euery of them so being outlawed, stande to right to answer or satisfie the ptie, at whose sute he is outlawed accorpyng to the lawes of this realme.

Also excepted and forpyled out of this pardon all tytles and actions of Quare impedit / and titles of presentations donations and collations to benefices and other promotions spirituall, which the kyng our souerayne lord hath or is intituled to haue other then be growen shoulde or myghte growe vnto our sayd soueraygne lord by force or meane of any statute or statutes of pprouisours prouisions or pzemunite.

And also excepted and forpyled out of this pardon all rauishementes of the kynges wardes, all wastes of the kynges wodes in his forrestes parkes and chafes / all conceylmentes of customes and subsidies / all riottes rowtes and vnlawfull assembles commytted and done aboue the nombre of .xx. persones.

And also excepte all maner of alienations and gyftes into mortmayn / and all alienations gyftes assignementes wylles and lymitations of vles of any manours landes tenementes rentes annuities and other hereditamentes to the vse of any maner mortmayne, and al intrusions hadde made or done in or in to any manours, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, sithen the feast of the Natyuitie of our lord god, in the .xxii. yere of the reygne of our sayde soueraygne lord, and also all offences comytted &

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done by dyggynge downe or castynge downe of any crosse or crosses, which stode or were sette in any comon or hygh waye or wayes, & al and singular dettes other than dettes growen vpon recognisances beyng all redy forfayted for suretie of the peace, or for apparance at any day or place.

And excepted and forpysied out of this pardon al accomptes and al actions suites and impetitions for the same accompt and arrerages of accomptes, and for the sayd dettes or any of them hereby excepted and forpysied, all homages and relieffes, all wylfull escapes, as wel of conuictes as of other persones, dettes whiche were due to the moste noble kynge of famous memozy kynge Henry the. vii. or to any person or persons to his vse/ by any condemnation recognysaunce oblygation or otherwyle, all and singular those forfaytures due to our soueraygne lord kynge Henry the. viii. by any penal statute or statutes, whiche be conuerted into the nature of dette by iugement or by agreement of the offendours befoze the said tenth day of Marche, and al forfaytures and other penalties and pzoofites growen or due by reason of any offence or act committed or done contrary to any statute or statutes, or contrary to the comon lawe, wherof any seisor is made/ or any information gyuen in the kinges eschequer, or any sute commensed befoze the sayde tenth day of Marche, or wherof the kynges hyghnes by his bylle signed or otherwyle hath made any gyfte or assignement to any of his seruantes, other than suche actions suites forfaytures penalties and pzoofites growen or due, or whiche myght growe or be due to the kynges hyghnesse by reason of any offence contempte or acte committed or done contrary to the sayd statute of pzoouisors pzoouisions and Pzemunire or any of them.

And also excepted all issues forfayted fines and amerciamentes assayed taxed sette extreted or iudged seuerally or particularly extendynge aboue the somme of. C. xx.s. And that all and singular other fynes, as wel fines pzo licencia concozdandi as other, and al other issues and amerciamentes as well reall as other, whiche seuerally or particularly extende nat aboue the sayde somme of. C. xx.s. whether they be totted or nat totted, taken to the charge of the Sheriffe or nat taken to his charge, extreted or not extreted, whether they be tourned into Dette or nat Dette, and nat beinge leuied nor receyued by any sheryffe or sheryffes bayliffes ministers or other officers, shalbe fully clerely and plainly pardoned and discharged to euery of the kynges subiectes befoze reherfed agaynst the kyng our souerayn lord his heyres and successours for euer.

And it is further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that in case it be objected to any Sheryffe or Sheryffes or other accomptantes in the kinges court of his Eschequer, or in any other his courtes, that any Sheriffe or Sheryffes or other officers accomptante hath or haue receyued or taken any suche fynes issues or amercpamentes befoze pardoned released or acquitted: than euerye suche Sheryffe and Sheryffes and other accompt-

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comtantes shall be discharged releued pardoned and acquitted therof by his or theyr othe without any further triall in that behalfe.

¶ Prouyded alway that this acte of free pdon shal nat in any wise extende or be beneficiall or auaylable in any thynge to the reuerende father in god John archebysshop of Beuelen nowe beyng in the kinges lande & domination of Irelande, nor shall in any wise extende to pdon discharge release or acquite the bysshop of Hereforde, nor shall extende or be beneficiall to Peter Ligham clerke, John Baker clerke, Adam Trauers clerke, Roberte Clyffe clerke, Roulande Philippes, and Thomas Belles clerkes.

¶ Prouyded also that this acte of pardon shall not extende or be pzeiudiciall to the kyng our soueraygne lord / his heires or successours in any thynge concernynge or to wchynge his ryght and title of dissolution of the college beyng in the vniuersitie of Oxforde commonly called the Cardinales college / whiche was lately founded by the late reuerende father in god Thomas late Cardinall and archebysshop of yorke, nor concernynge the kynges ryght and title to the sute of the same college / nor shall extende or be in any wise beneficiall or auayleable to the deane and canons of the same college or any of them in any thynge concernynge the kingis rightes and tytles in all manours lordshippes landes and tenementes aduousones churches personages and other hereditamentes of the said college or any of them.

¶ Prouyded also that allowance shall be had to the clergie of the sayde prouince of Canturbery out of the sayd somme of one hundredeth thousand poundes of all and singuler suche sommes of money as shall be reasonably taxed and assessed to be payde by the persons afoze named, being fully excepted and forprised out and from the benifitte of this fre pardon, that is to say, the sayde archebysshop of Beuelen, and the sayde bysshoppe of Hereforde, and the sayde Peter Ligham, John Baker, Adam Trauers, Robert Clyffe, Roulande Philippes, and Thomas Belles, bycause that they and euery of them shall not be contributours nor charged to the payment of the sayd somme of one hundredeth thousande poundes.

¶ Prouyded also that this acte of fre pardon shal nat extend or be in any wise beneficiall to any clerke or other persone of the sayd clergie or spiritualtie, beinge the sayd tenth day of Marche in the custodie of the sayde archebysshoppe or of any other ordinarie of the sayde prouynce, as a persone atteynted or conuycted by the lawes of this realme of any murder felony or other cryme or offence for or concernynge deliuerance out of the sayde conuicte prison, tylie that he shall haue made his purgation according to the lawes or customes vsed in that behalfe, or that he be therof discharged by the kynges pardon or other lafull meane.

¶ Prouyded alwayes that this acte shall nat extende nor in any wise be beneficiall or auayleable to any spirituall persone spirituall body corporated or polptike, or other spirituall persone, hauyng any dignitie benefice

promotion or other spirituall lyuelode within the prouince of yorke other then to euery of them, whiche by his or theyr particular obligation to be made in due and perfecte fourme of the lawe accordynge to the effecte of a note or mynute vnder wyrtten, do bynde hym or them selfe befoze the laste day of May nexte comynge in certayne reasonable some of money, nat excedynge the somme of two yerres value of his or theyr dignities benefices promotions or other spirituall lyuelode beinge or lyenge within the sayde prouince of yorke to syr Brian Tuke knyght treasurer of the kynges moste honorable chambze, Christophor Hales the kynges generall attourney, & Baldewyn Malette the kynges Sollicitour, or to the ouer lyuers or ouer lyuer of them, or to any other lyke Treasorer attourney or Sollicitour for the tyme being, or to any two of them, to be payde to the kynges vse vpon certayne conditions specified in the sayde note or mynute / the whiche note or mynute hereafter ensueth.

Nouerint vniuersi per presentes me Johannem A. de .T. in comitatu Midd clericiu teneri et firmit obligari Briano Tuke militi, Thesaurario camere dñi regis, Christophoro Hales generali attorney eiusdem domini regis, et Baldwino Malette Sollicitatori ipsius domini regis in libris legalis monete Anglie soluend eisdem Briano, Christophoro, et Baldwino, aut eoru vni, execut vel assignatis suis ad vsum dñi regis in festo sancti Bertholomei apostoli prox. futur post datum presentium. Ad quam quidem solutionem. &c. In cuius rei testimoniu. &c. Datum die Anno regni domini Henrici octavi dei gratia Anglie et Francie regis fidei defensoris, et domini Hibernie.

The condicion of this obligation is suche / that where the mooste reuerende father in god wylliam Archbysshop of Canturbery metropolitane and primate of all Englande, and other prelates & the clergye of the prouince of Canturbery in theyr synodall conuocation begon in the Cathedra church of saynte Paule of London, in the .v. day of Nouembze in the yere of our lordz godd. M. CCC. C. xxix. and lately for certayne vrgent causes prozaged vnto the chapter house set within the monasterie of saynt Peter of westmyster, haue grated to our sayd soueraygne lordz the kyng a subsidie of one hundred thousand poundes of currant money within this realme / to be leuied and collected of the goodes and possessions ecclesiasticall of the same prouynce and to be payed to our sayde soueraygne lordz in fyue yerres from and after the feaste of the Annunciacion of our lady saynt Mary last past in certayne fourme specified in the graunt of the same subsidie, If the befoze bounden Jhon A. his executours or assignes do paye or cause to be payed to the collectour or collectours of suche subsidie as hereafter shalbe grated to the kynges hyghnes by the bysshops and other prelates and the clergye of the prouynce of yorke in the Synodall conuocation of the same bysshoppes prelates and clergie to be holden or kept in the same prouynce,

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as moche and as many of all and singuler those sommes of moneye, whiche shall be assayed taxed and sette for and vpon the sayde John A. for and vpon those spirituall dignities benefices lyuelode and other spirituall possessions and promotions, whiche the same John A. nowe hathe in the same prouynce of yorke, as by the same John A. or his executors shalbe due to be payed accordyng to the fourme and effecte of the same graunte herafter to be made. And in case that no suche subsidie shall be graunted to the kynge our souerayne lord by the sayde bysshoppes prelates and clergie of the sayde prouynce of yorke before the feast of saynte Mychaell tharchaungell nexte commynge / or that a subsidie shall be graunted to the kynge by the same bysshoppes prelates and clergie before the same feast, whiche subsidie shall nat extende or amounte to suche lyke rate and portion for the prouynce of yorke in comparyson of the sayde somme of one hundreth thousande poundes currant money of Englande nowe granted vnto the kynges hyghnes by the sayd clergie of the sayde prouynce of Canturbury, as the subsidie laste graunted to his hyghnes by the prelates and clergie of the prouynce of yorke in theyr conuocation begon the .xxii. daye of Marche, the yere of our lord. M.D.xxii. and afterwarde proroged to westmister, was in comparyson to the rate & portcion of the subsidie grated to his hyghnes by the prelates and clergie of the prouynce of Canturbury in theyr conuocation begonne at Baules church in London the .v. day of Nouembre, the yere of our lord. M.D.xxix. then if the said John A. or his executors do paye or cause to be payde to the Treasorer of the kynges chambze for the tyme being for all his sayde spirituall dignities benefices lyuelode and other spirituall possessions and promotions beinge or lienge in the sayde prouynce of yorke suche and lyke somes of money after the rates of the yerely values of the same his spiritual dignities benefices lyuelode possessions, and promotions, as the same John A. or any other spirituall persone or spirituall body corporated or polytike shall pay for and in contribution to the payment of the sayde subsidie of one hundrede thousande poundes graunted by the sayd clergie of the sayde prouynce of Canturbury for other spiritual dignities benefices lyuelode and other spirituall possessions and promotions being of lyke yerely values, and being or lieng within the same prouynce of Canturbury, & in the same feastes within the sayd fyue yeres to be payed, In whiche the sayd subsidie of one hundrede thousande poundes is graunted to be payed: than this present obligation shall be voyde and of none effecte, or els it shall stande in full strength and vertue.

**An acte concernynge the kynges generall
pardon for his tempoꝛall sub=
iectes. xvi**



He kyng our soueraygne lord haue alwaye mooste tender zeale fauour and affection vnto his mooste lounge tempoꝛall and laye subiectes of this his realme of Englande and of wales Caleys and marches of the same, and inwardely remembrynge the manyfolde great offences transgressions and contemptes perpetrated commytted and done by dyuers and many of the sayde tempoꝛall and laye subiectes agaynste his hyghnes his corowne regally and iurisdiction royall, contrary to the statutes of pꝛouisions pꝛouisoꝛs and Pꝛemunire, by reason wherof they so offendynge haue incurred in to the daungers & penalties of the same statutes, in such wyse that if his highnes wolde attempte oꝛ pursue those his sayd tempoꝛal and lay subiectes by the pꝛoces and course of his lawes, they shuld therby nat onely forsayte and lese theyꝛ landes tenementes goodes and cattalles, but also they shulde be oute of his gracious pꝛotectiō: His royall maiestie moued with mooste tender pitie loue and compassion, and nat myndynge to vse and extende all and singuler his penall lawes vpon his subiectes, but as consideration shall moue his grace, so in parte oꝛ in hole to remytte and mitigate the rigour of the same: of his mere motion and of his benignitie special grace pitie and lyberalitie hath gyuen and graunted and by auctoritie of this pꝛesent parlyament gyueth and granteth to al and singuler his tempoꝛall and laye subiectes and tempoꝛall bodyes polityke and corpoꝛated and to euery of them his mooste gracious generall and free pardon of and for all and all maner offences transgressions and contemptes commytted perpetrated oꝛ done agaynste the sayde statutes of pꝛouisoꝛs pꝛouisions and Pꝛemunire oꝛ any of them befoze the thyteth day of Marche, in the .xxii. yere of his mooste noble raygne, and al forsaytures penalties iudgementes executions and peynes for the sayde offences transgressions and contemptes and euery of them.

And furthermoze be it enacted by auctoritie of this parlyament, that al and singular pꝛocesses suites pꝛosecutions and impetꝛions in any wyse hereafter to be awarded oꝛ made ageynst any of his sayde tempoꝛall subiectes, oꝛ ageynst any of the sayd tempoꝛall bodyes polityke and corpoꝛated for oꝛ vpon any of the sayde offences transgressions oꝛ contemptes committed oꝛ done befoze the sayde .xxx. day of Marche: shall be vtterly voyde and of none effecte.

God saue the kyng.

THO. Berthelet regius impressor excudebat.

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